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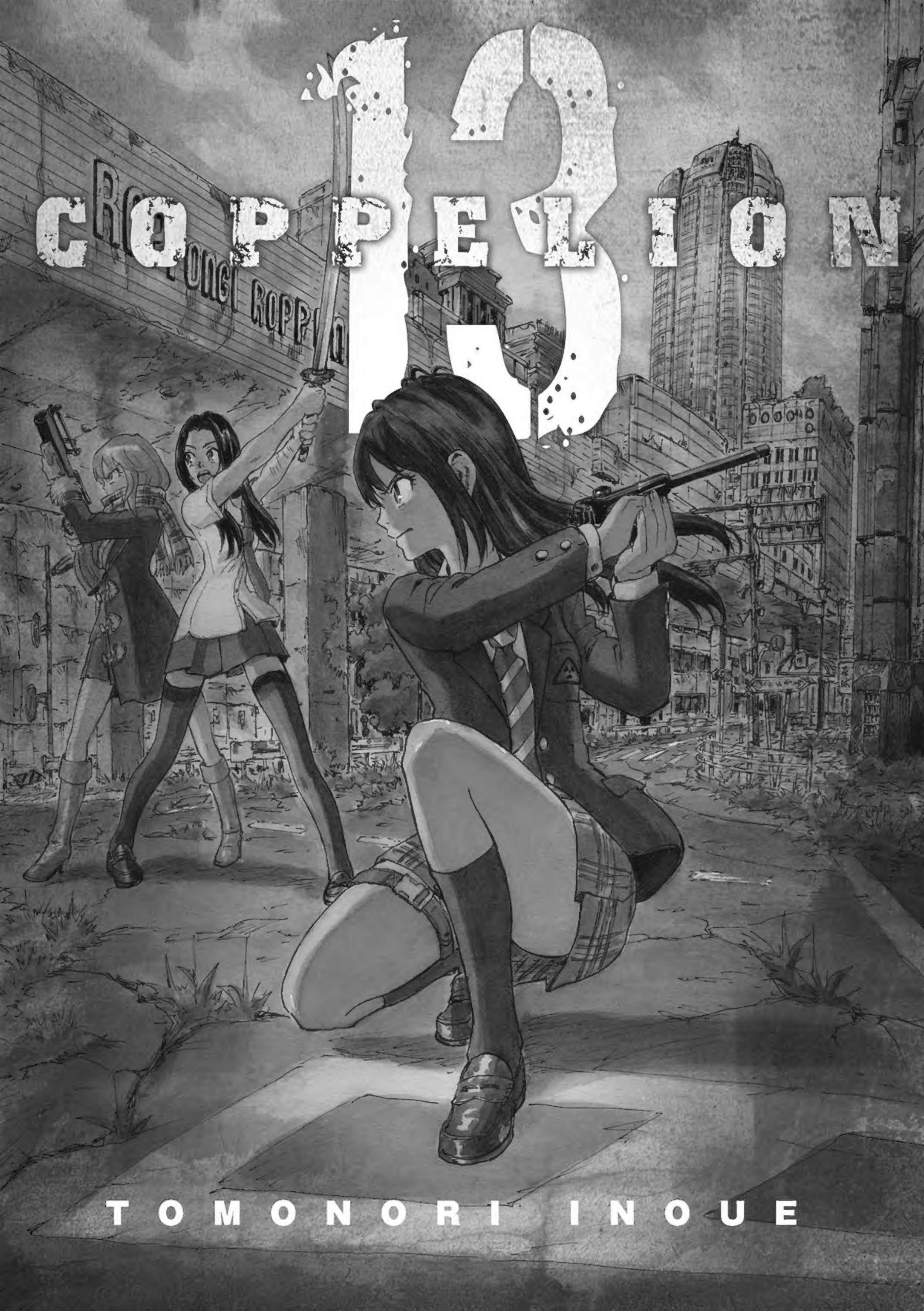
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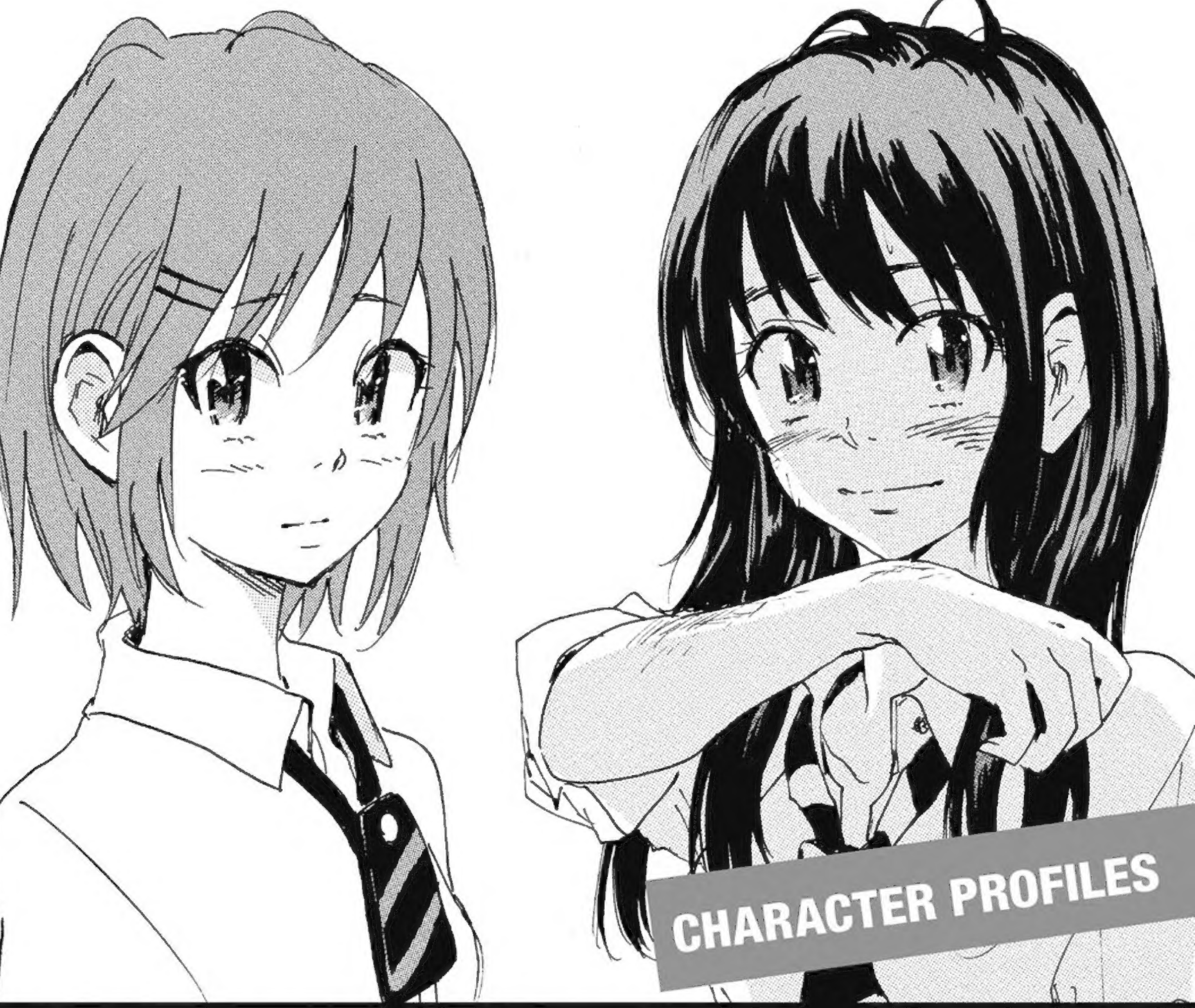
TOMONORI INOUE



CHARACTER PROFILES

AOI FUKASAKU
(HIGH SCHOOL FIRST-YEAR)

The Medical Unit's cheerful icebreaker. Aoi has a bottomless stomach and a bright personality, but was thought to be a useless, poor student otherwise—except a mysterious power sleeps inside her, as the "complete" Coppelion...

IBARA NARUSE
(HIGH SCHOOL THIRD-YEAR)

Leader of the Coppelion Medical Unit. She possesses staggering athletic ability, and her combat skills are excellent. Relying on her strong conviction to save everyone in Tokyo to give her strength, she leads the search for survivors. Her speech can be a bit rough.

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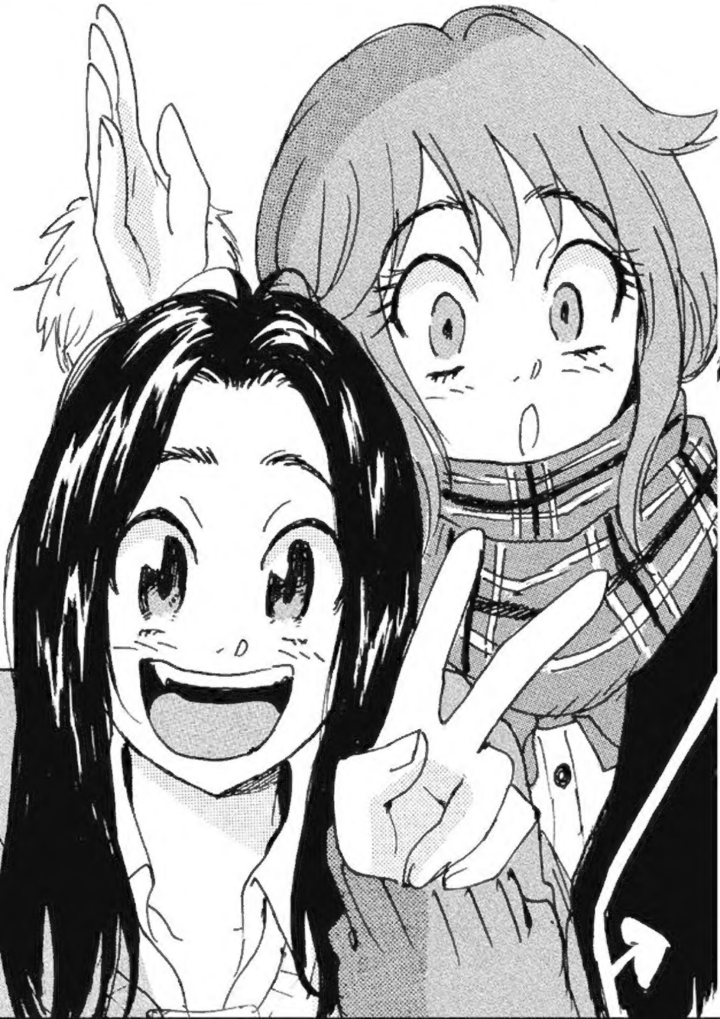
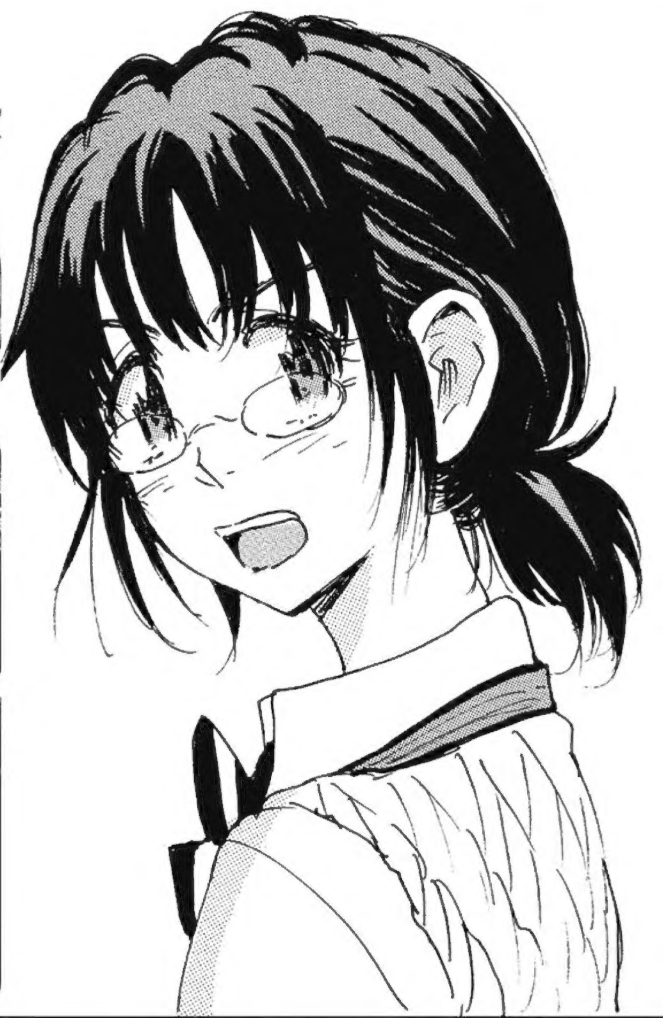
KEEP OUT





OZU SISTERS

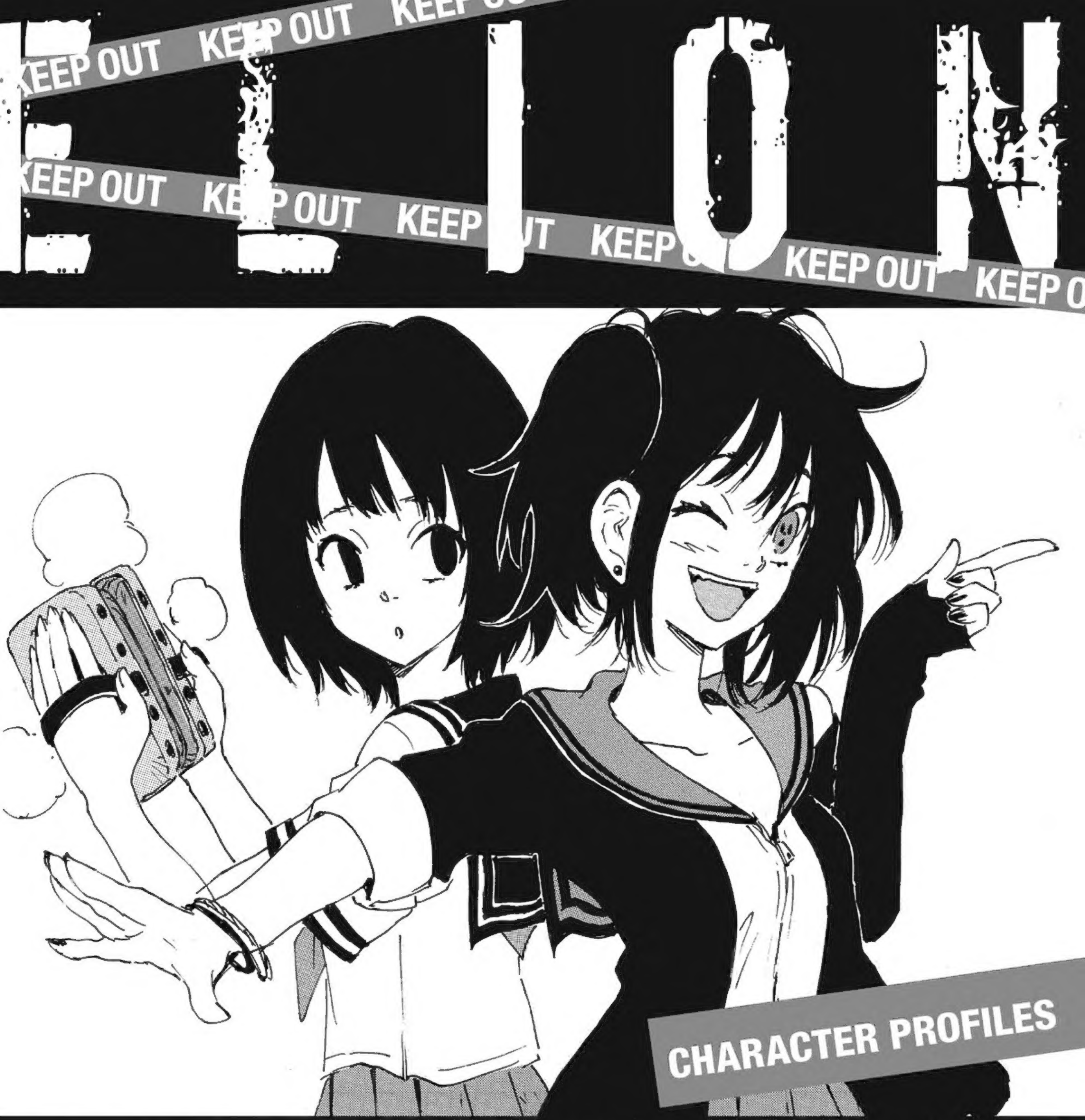
(HIGH SCHOOL THIRD-YEARS)

Twin sisters in the Cleanup Crew. Kanon (right), the older sister, can generate lightning, and Shion (left), the younger sister, has super strength. They're both incredibly violent, but reformed after their battle with Ibara.

TAEKO NOMURA

(HIGH SCHOOL FIRST-YEAR)

The Medical Unit's comforting member. She's quite knowledgeable and has superhuman senses (she wears glasses to reduce her eyesight to 10% of its true strength, because she sees too far). She loves animals.



CHARACTER PROFILES

MANA TSUBURAYA

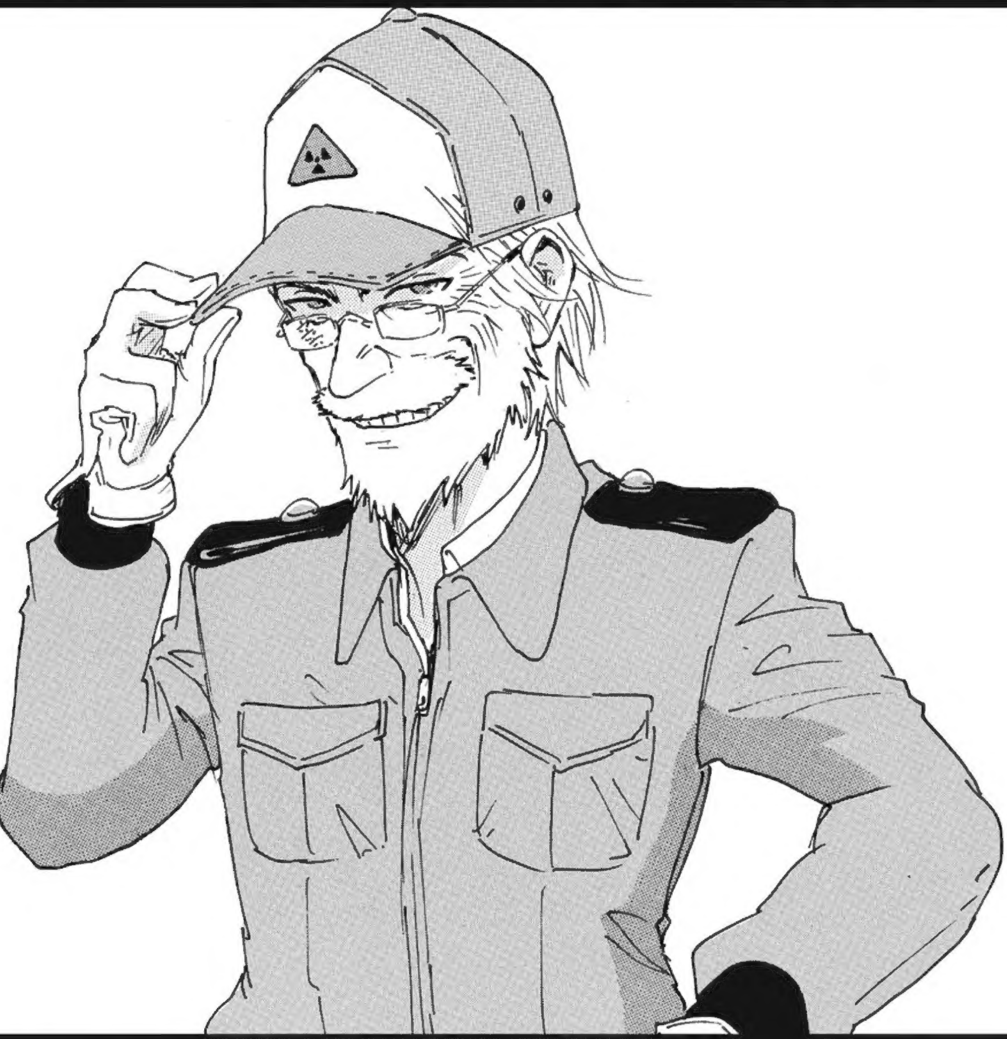
(HIGH SCHOOL SECOND-YEAR)

A second-year Coppelion. She's a defect with a "bug"—her body releases neutrons. She seems to be able to harness incredible energy to create shockwaves, but the rest is a mystery...

MEISA ICHIKAWA

(HIGH SCHOOL SECOND-YEAR)

A second-year Coppelion. She can disassemble and reassemble her body at the atomoic level, a power which she calls "particle break." She's working under Dr. Coppelius against Ibara and the others so that he'll fix the second-years' defect. She likes online games.



DR. COPPELIUS

The mad scientist who created the Coppelion. His true name and nationality are unknown. He's using the second-years to carry out his "grand plan." His target: Aoi Fukasaku, the complete Coppelion. He stole the manufacturing data for aether from the Third Division Research Center and slipped into Tokyo.

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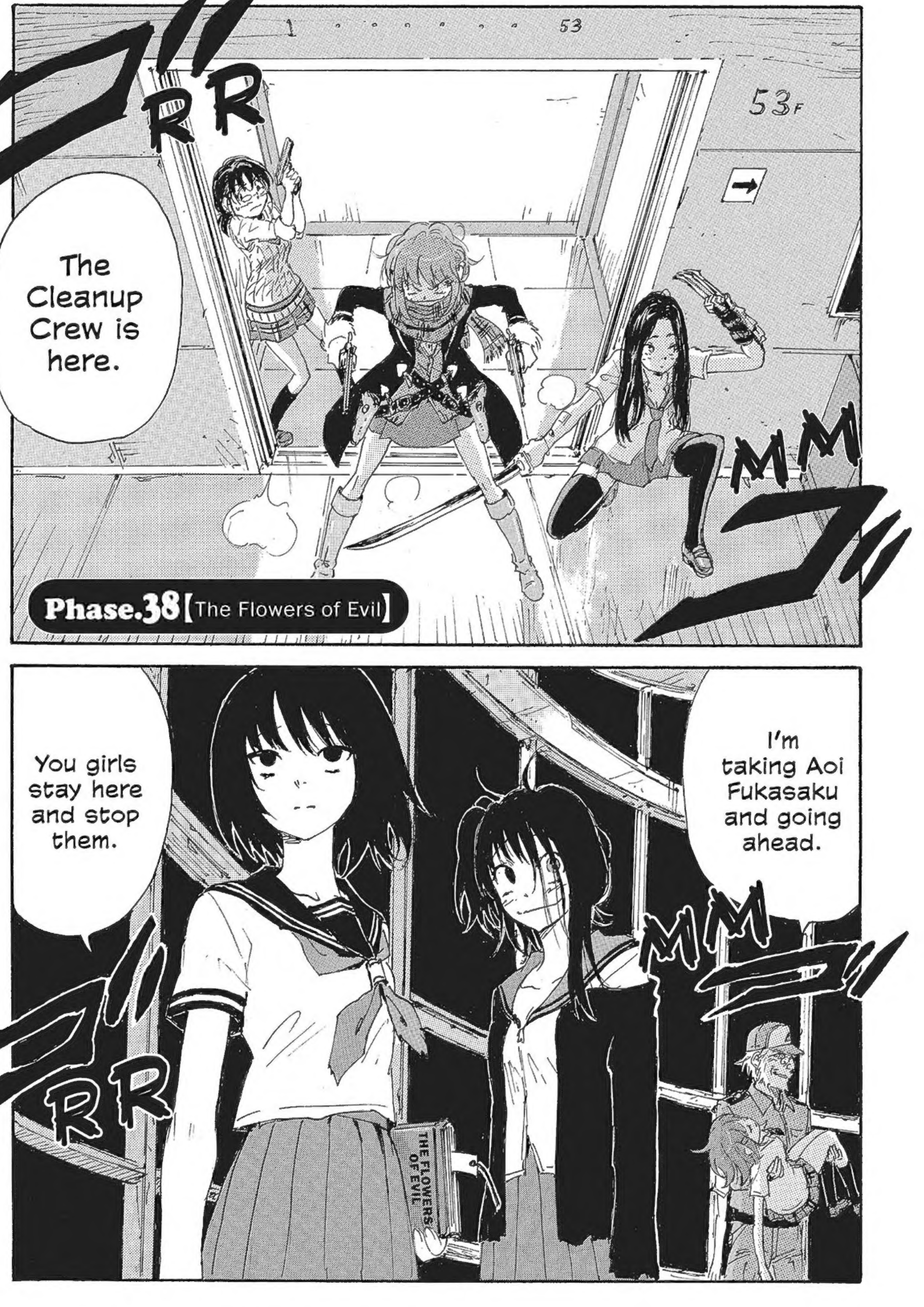
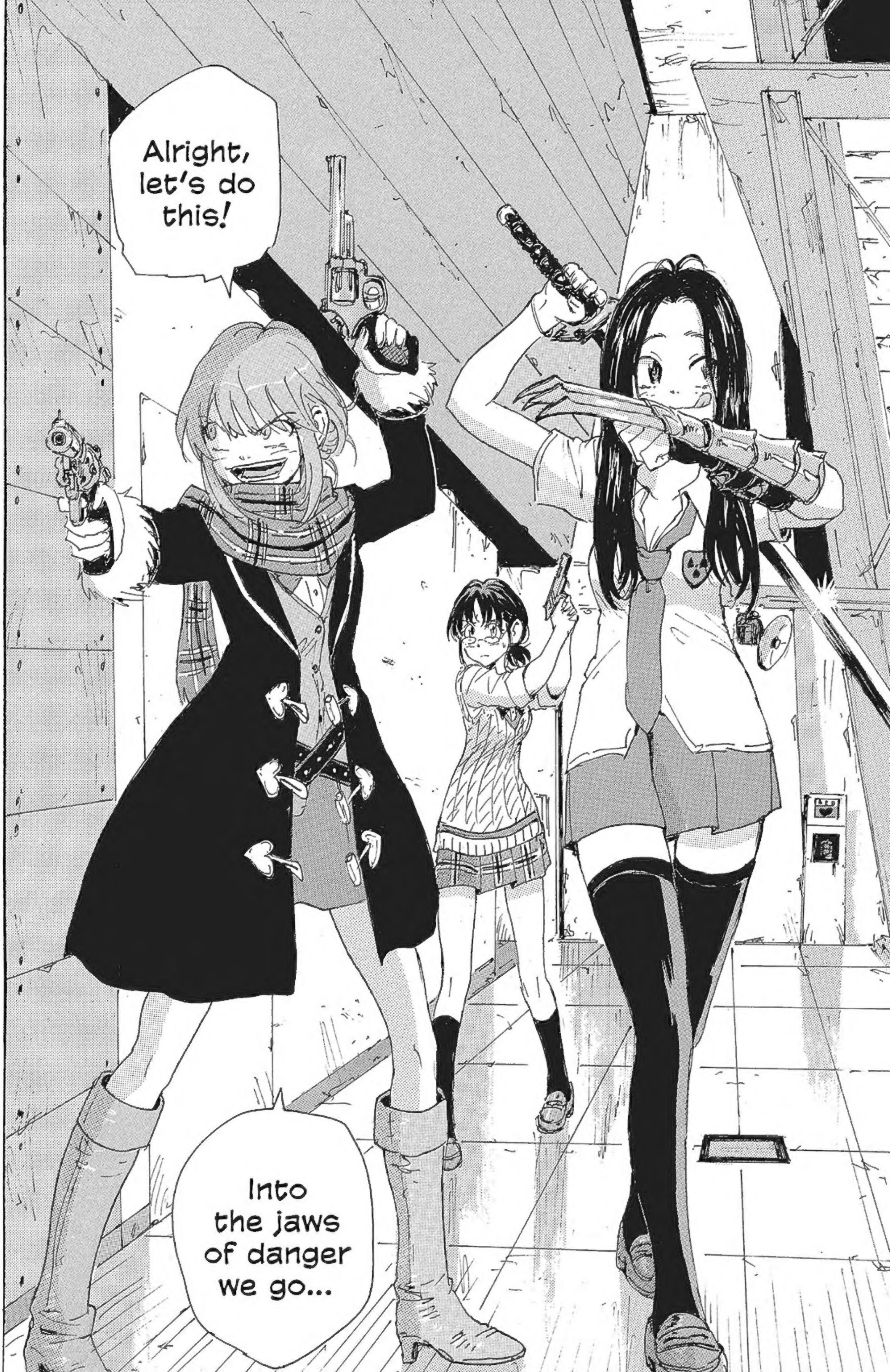
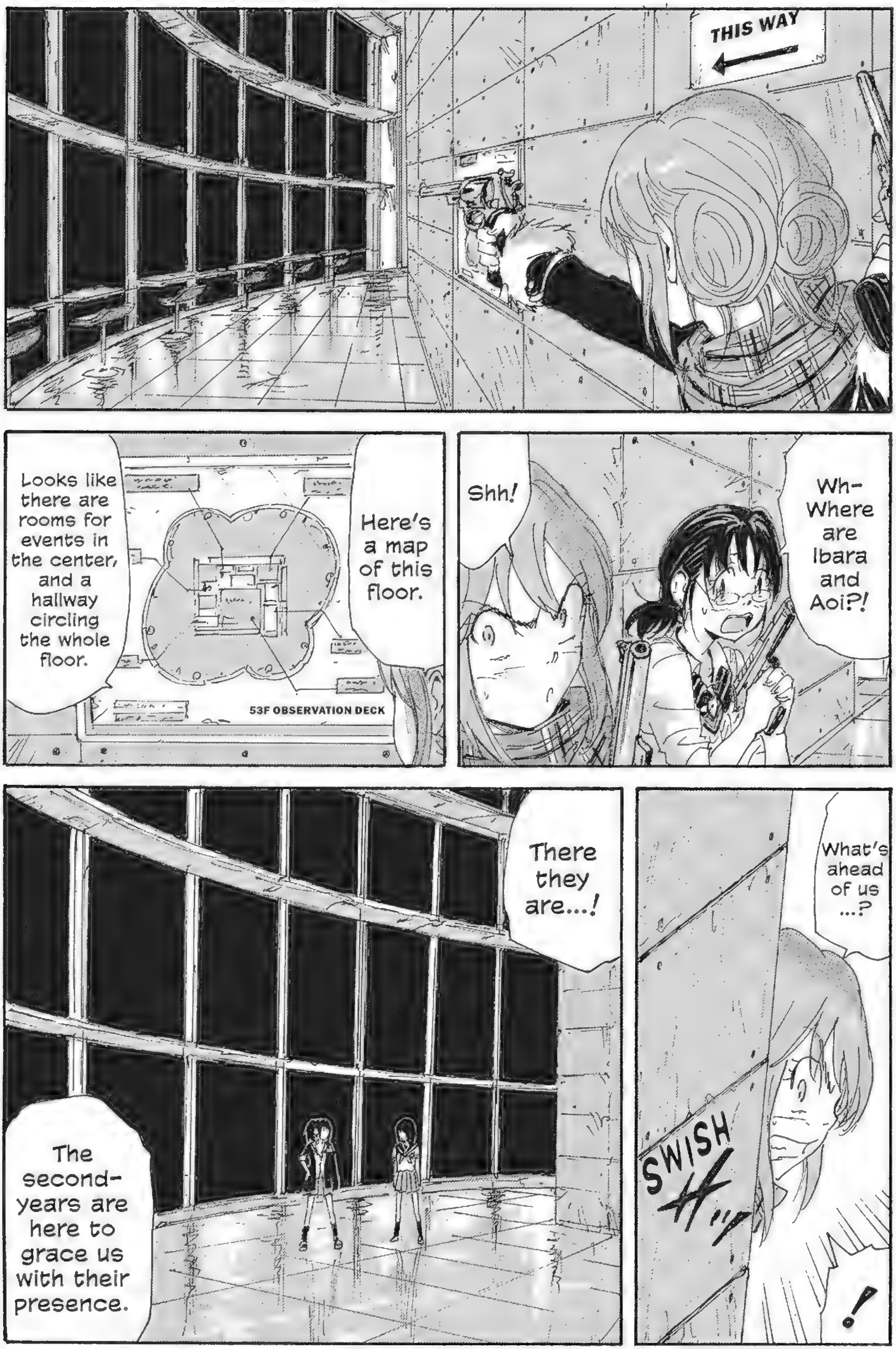
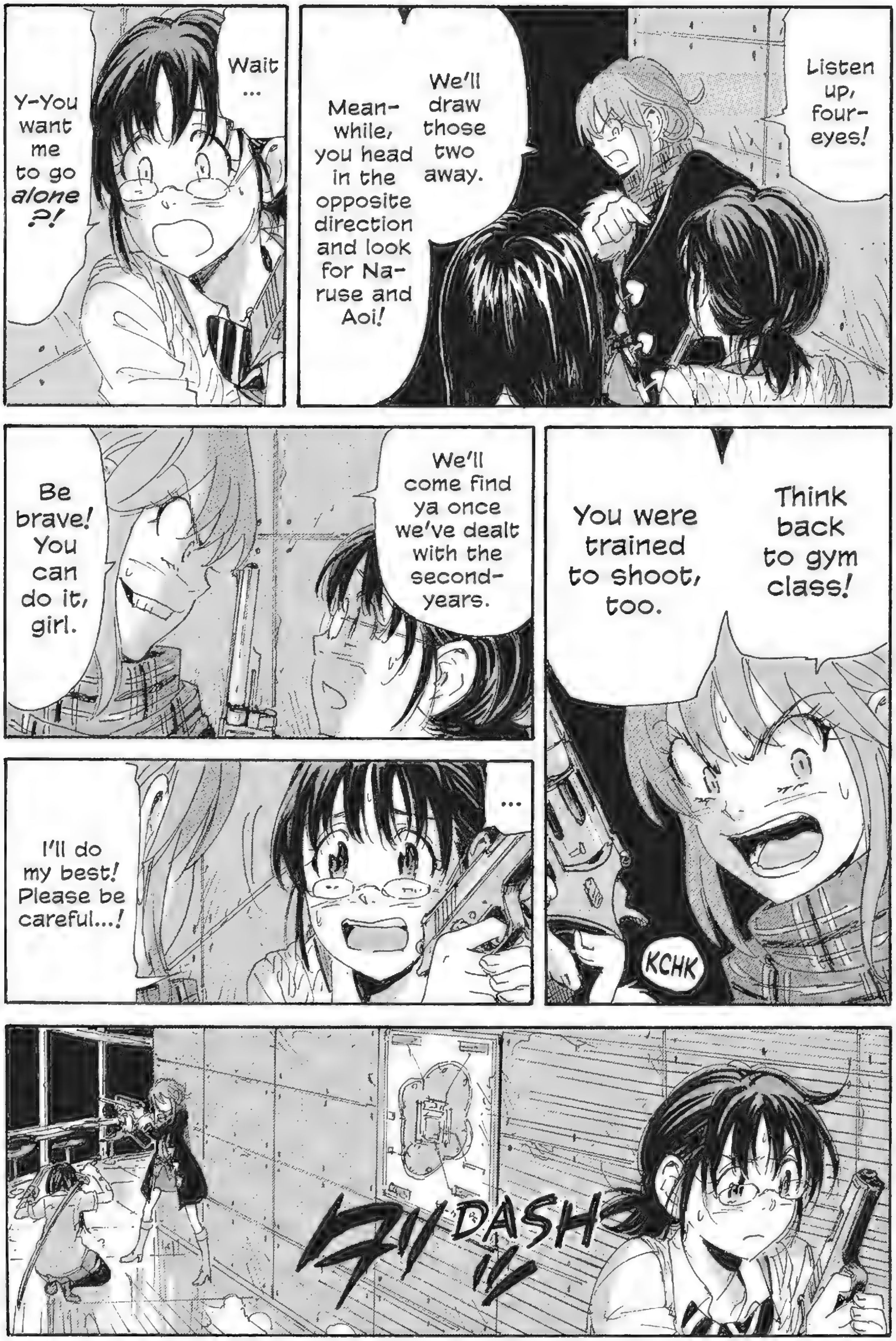
コッペリオン

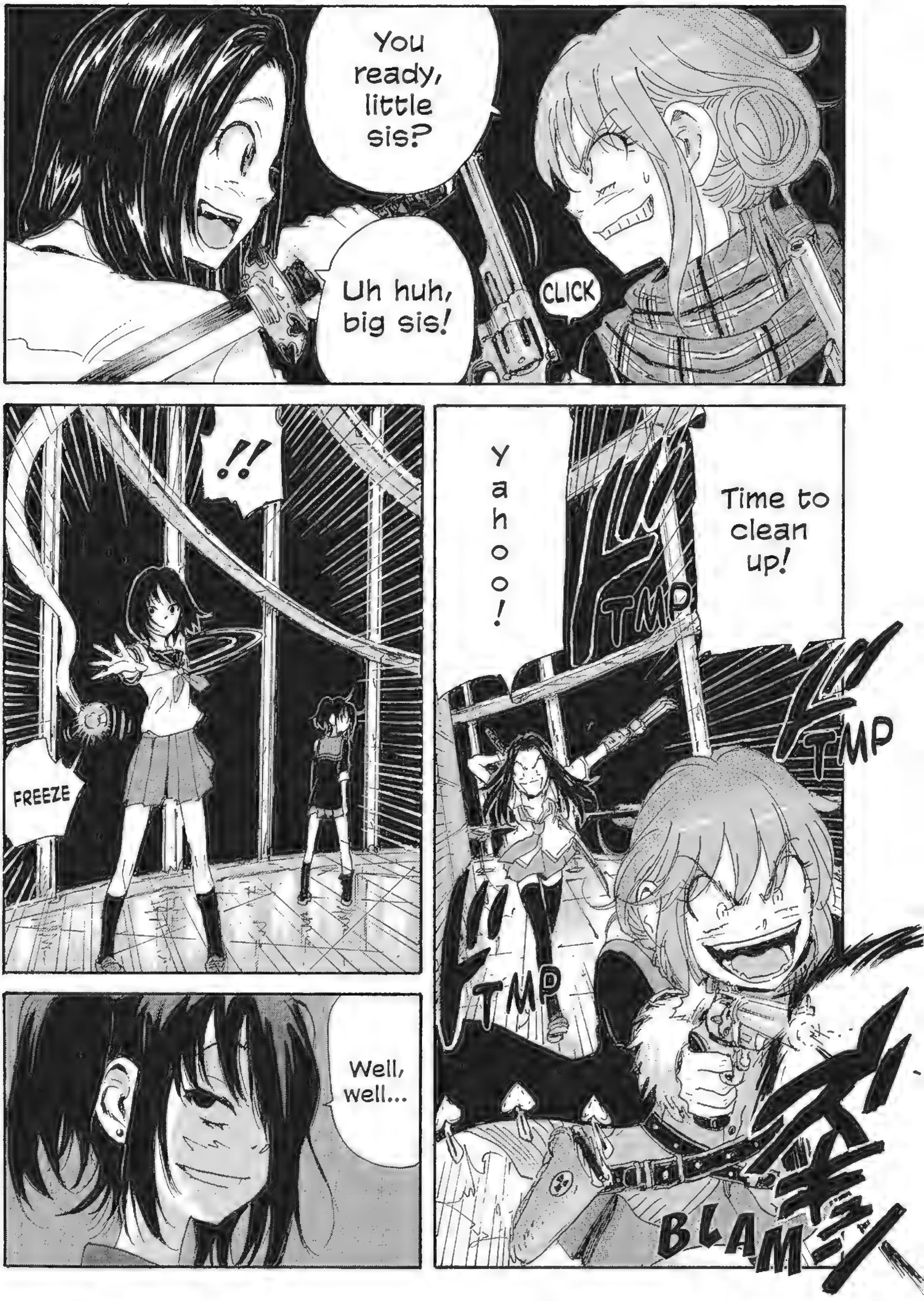
Phase.38【The Flowers of Evil】

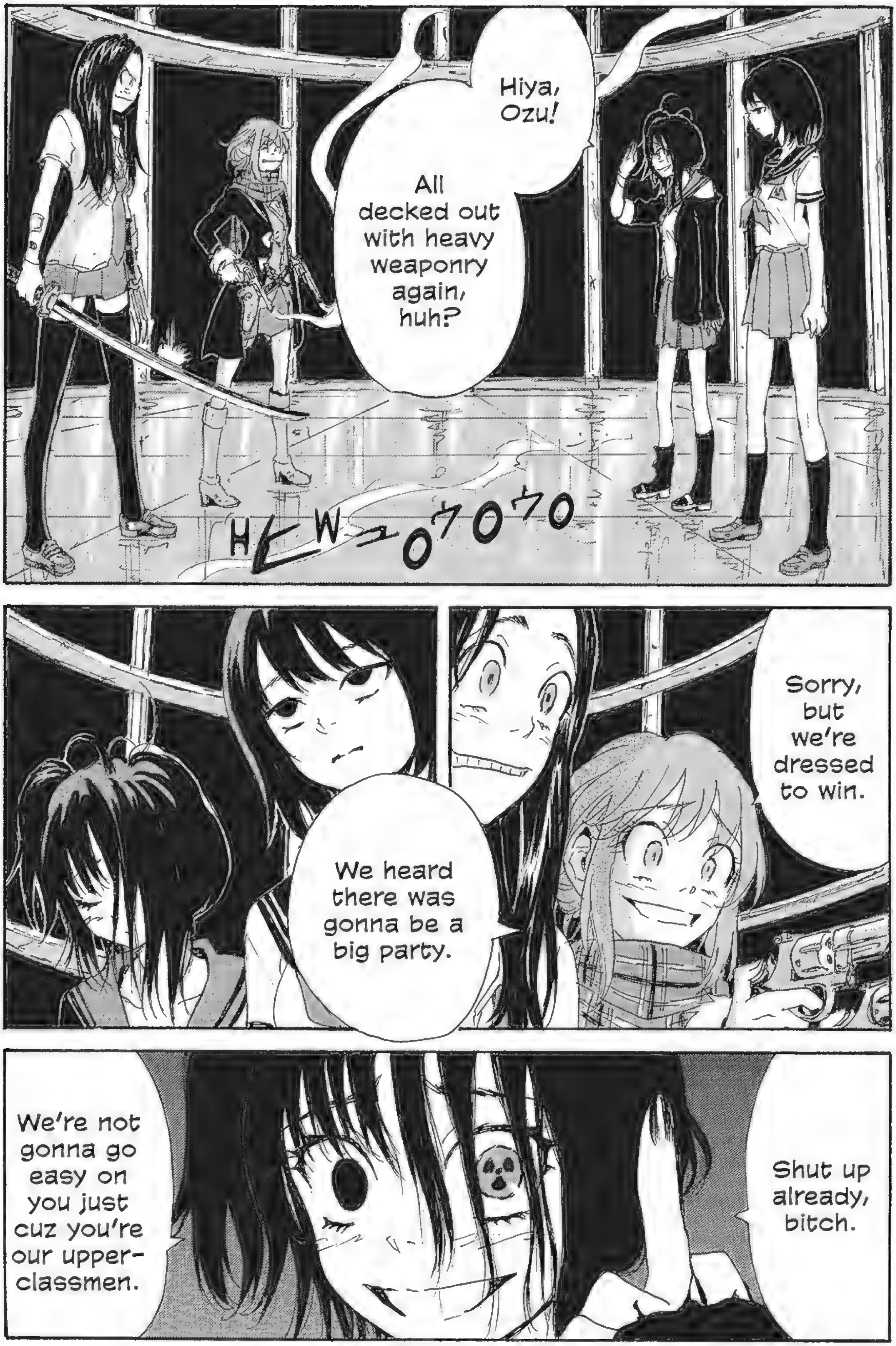

53
53F
RR
The Cleanup Crew is here.
MM
I'm taking Aoi Fukasaku and going ahead.
MM
You girls stay here and stop them.
RR
THE FLOWERS OF EVIL

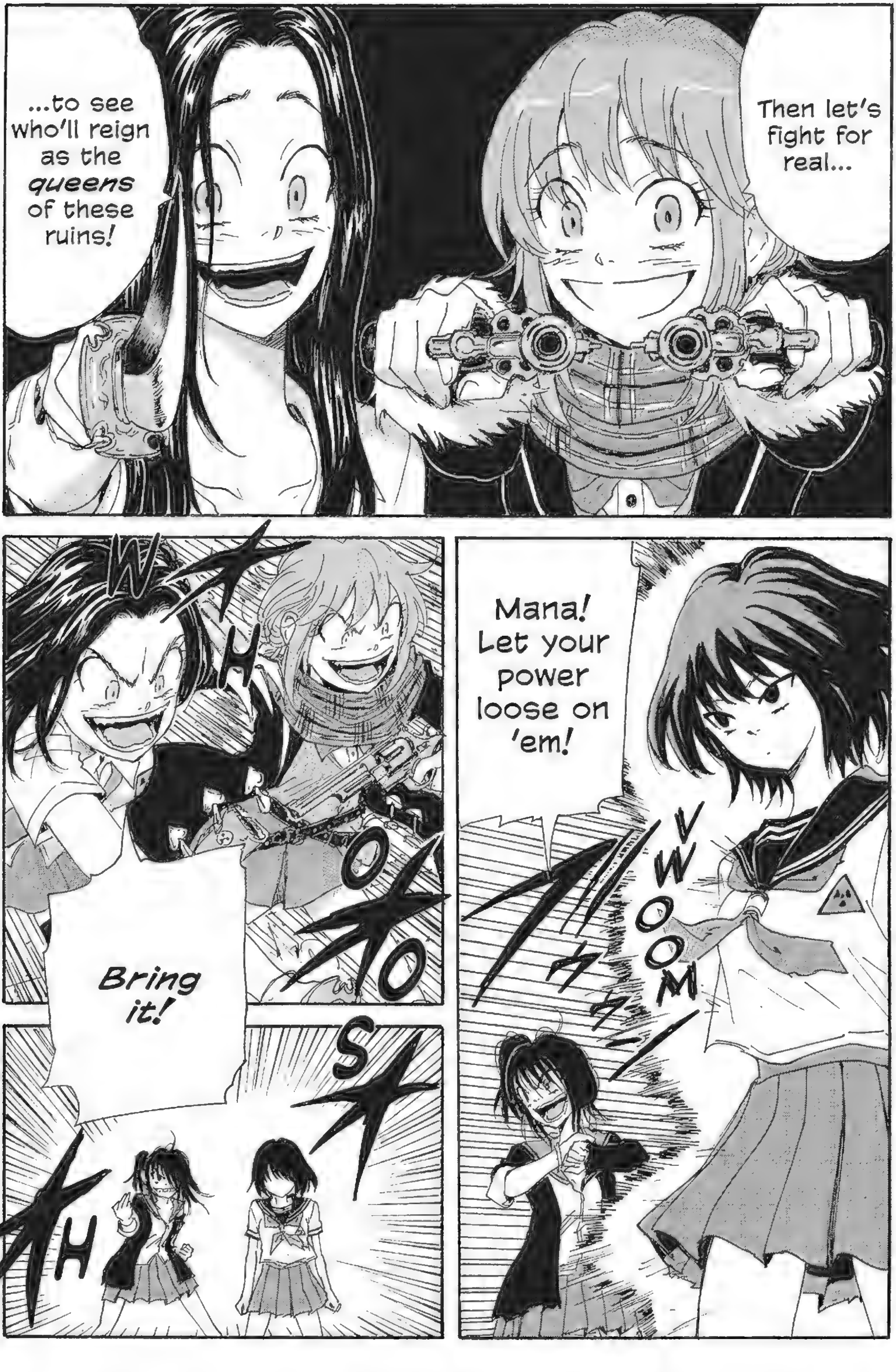

Alright, let's do this!
Into the jaws of danger we go...

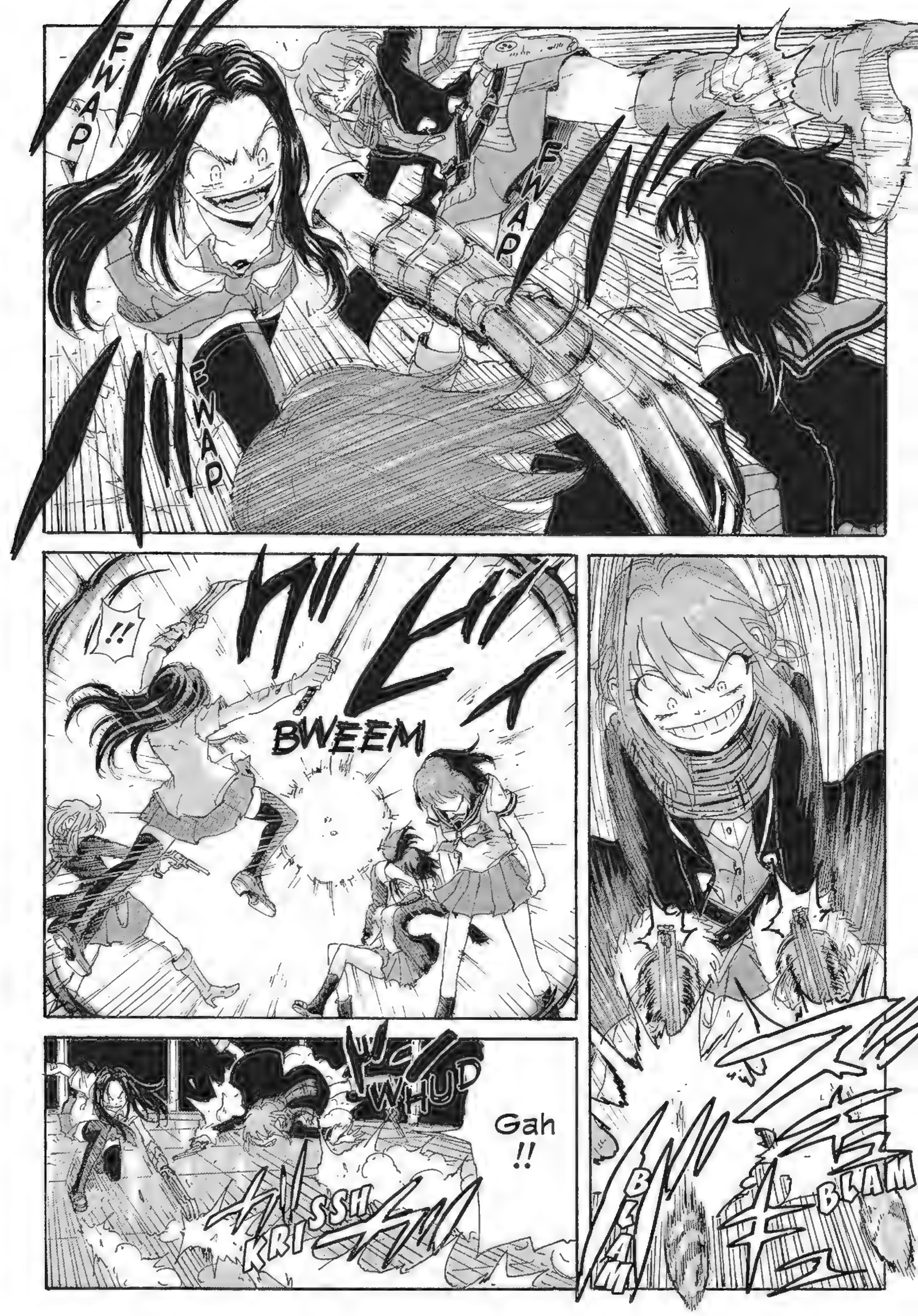

THIS WAY
Wh- Where are Ibara and Aoi?!
Shh!
Here's a map of this floor.
Looks like there are rooms for events in the center, and a hallway circling the whole floor.
53F OBSERVATION DECK
What's ahead of us ...?
SWISH
!
There they are...!
The second-years are here to grace us with their presence.

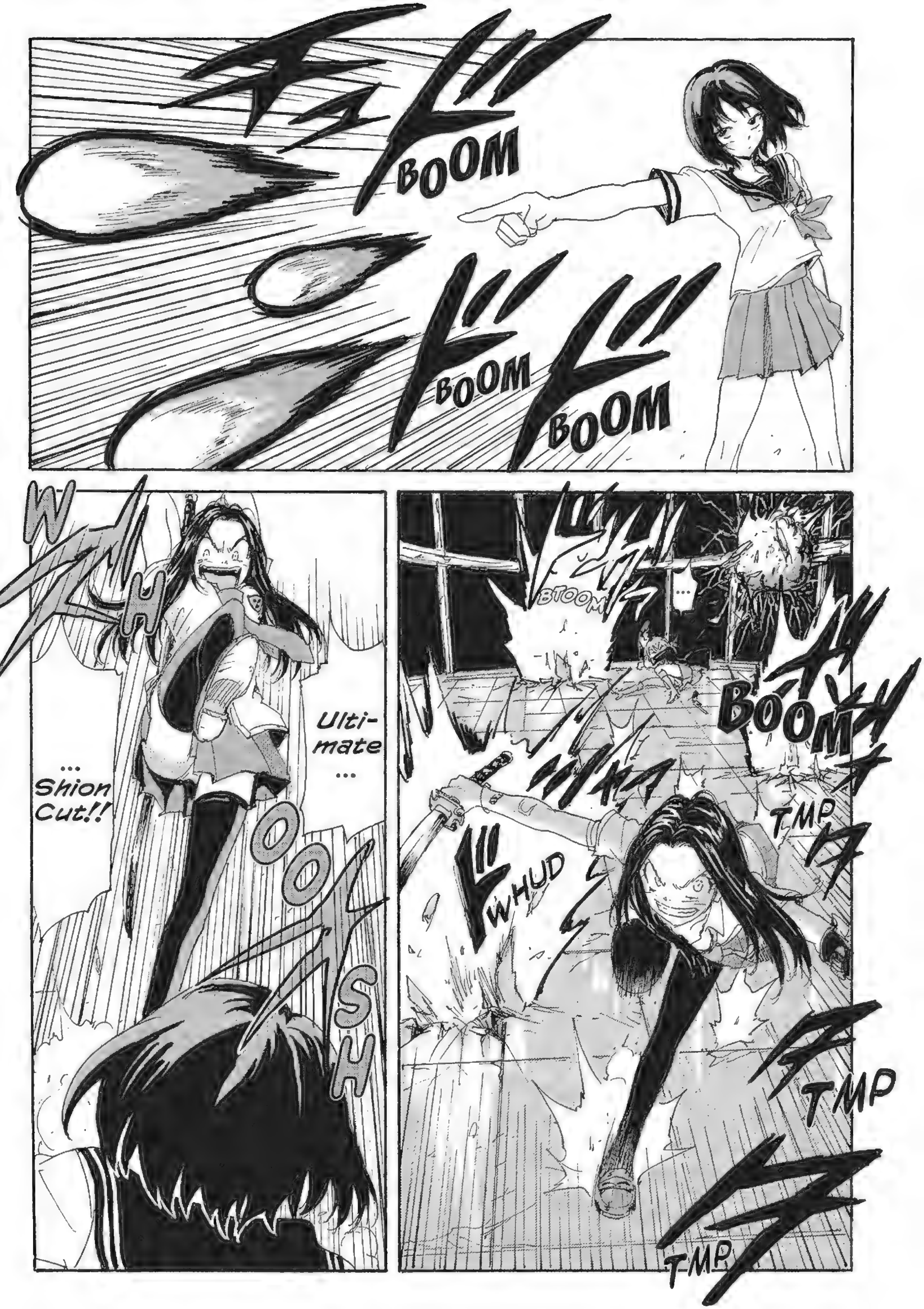

Listen up, four-eyes!
We'll draw those two away.
Meanwhile, you head in the opposite direction and look for Naruse and Aoi!
Wait ...
Y-You want me to go *alone*?!
Think back to gym class!
You were trained to shoot, too.
KCHK
We'll come find ya once we've dealt with the second-years.
Be brave! You can do it, girl.
...
I'll do my best! Please be careful...!
DASH

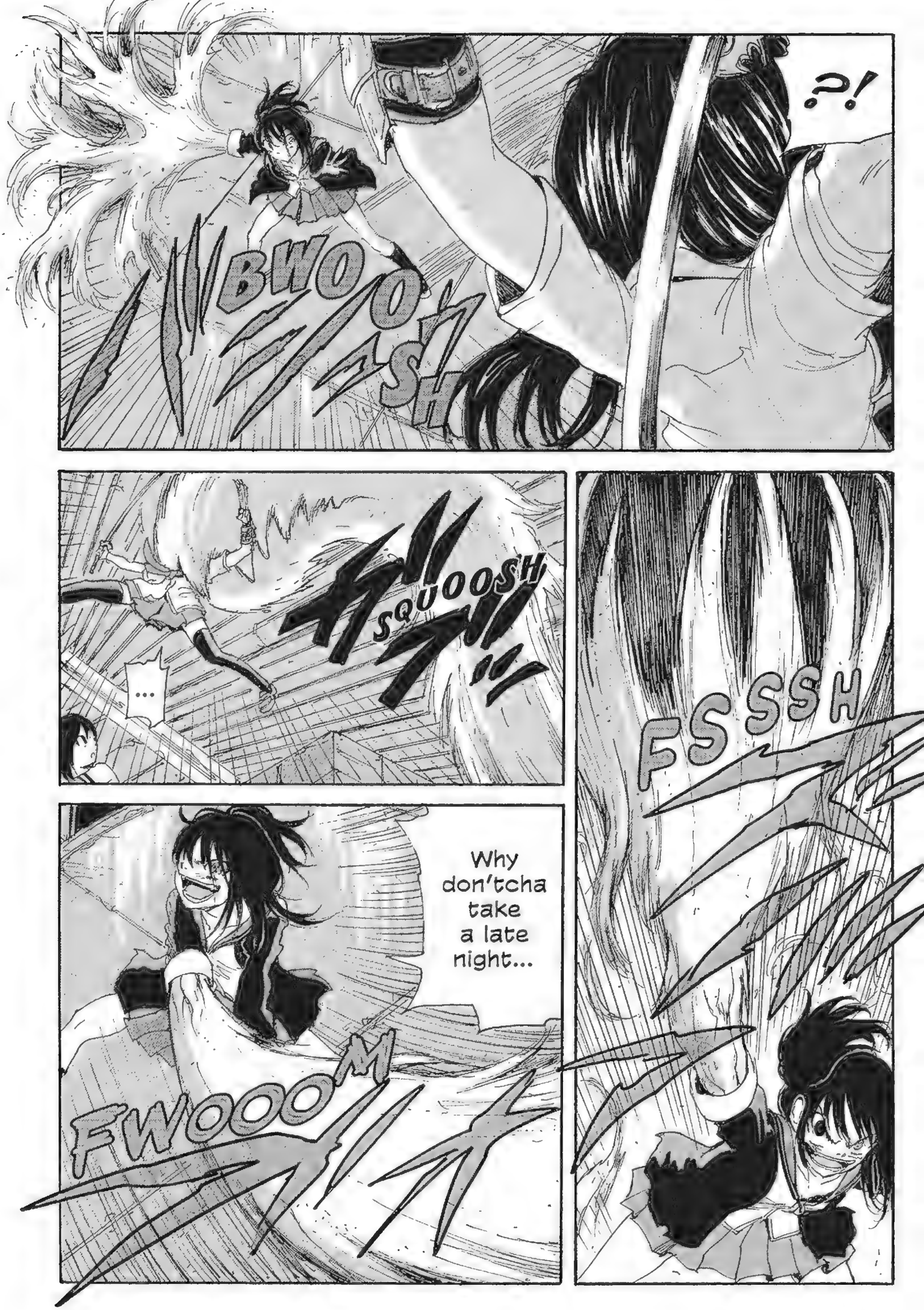

You ready, little sis?
Uh huh, big sis!
CLICK
Yahoo!
Time to clean up!
TMP
TMP
TMP
BLAM
!!
FREEZE
Well, well...

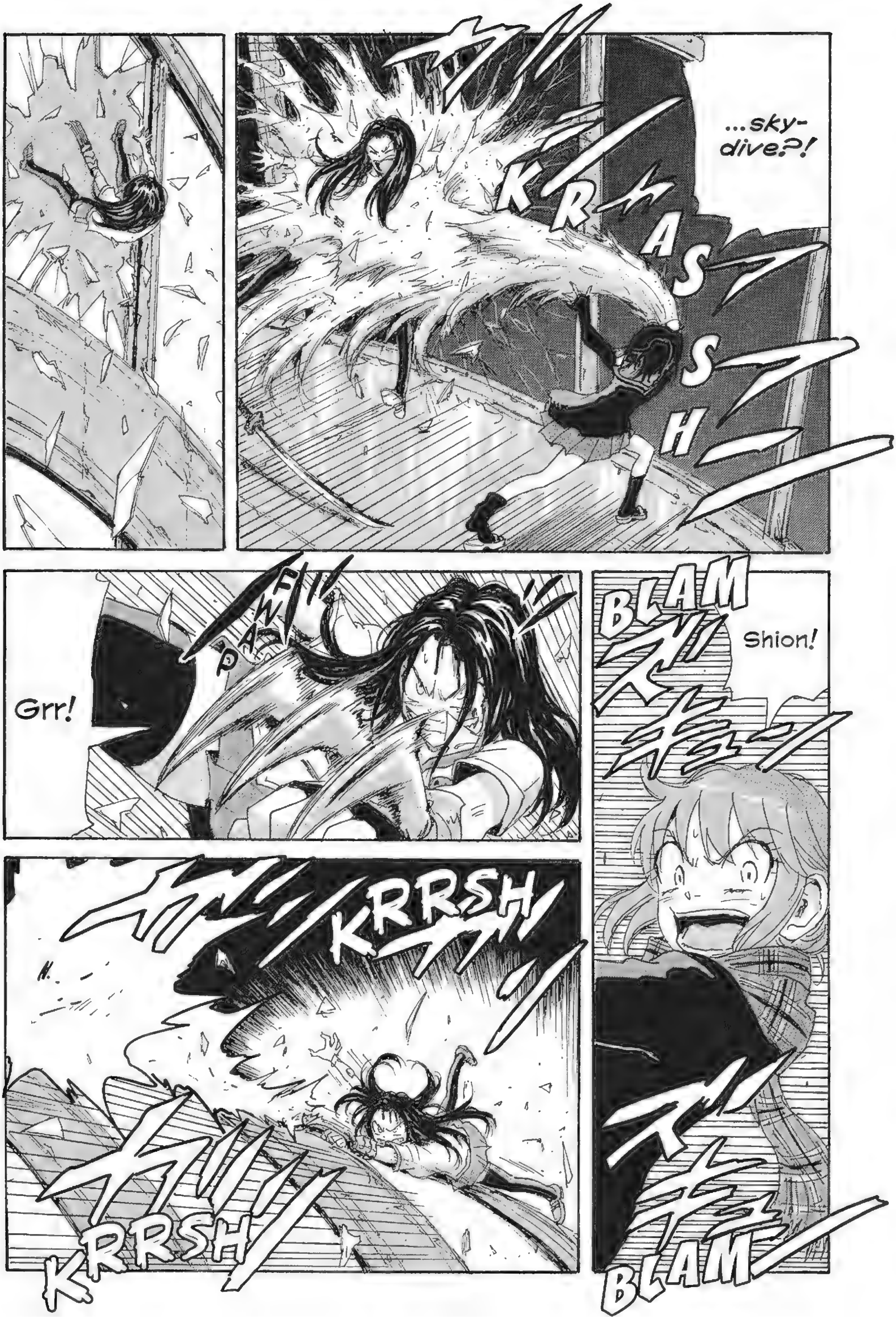

Hiya, Ozu!
All decked out with heavy weaponry again, huh?
HEW
Sorry, but we're dressed to win.
We heard there was gonna be a big party.
Shut up already, bitch.
We're not gonna go easy on you just cuz you're our upperclassmen.

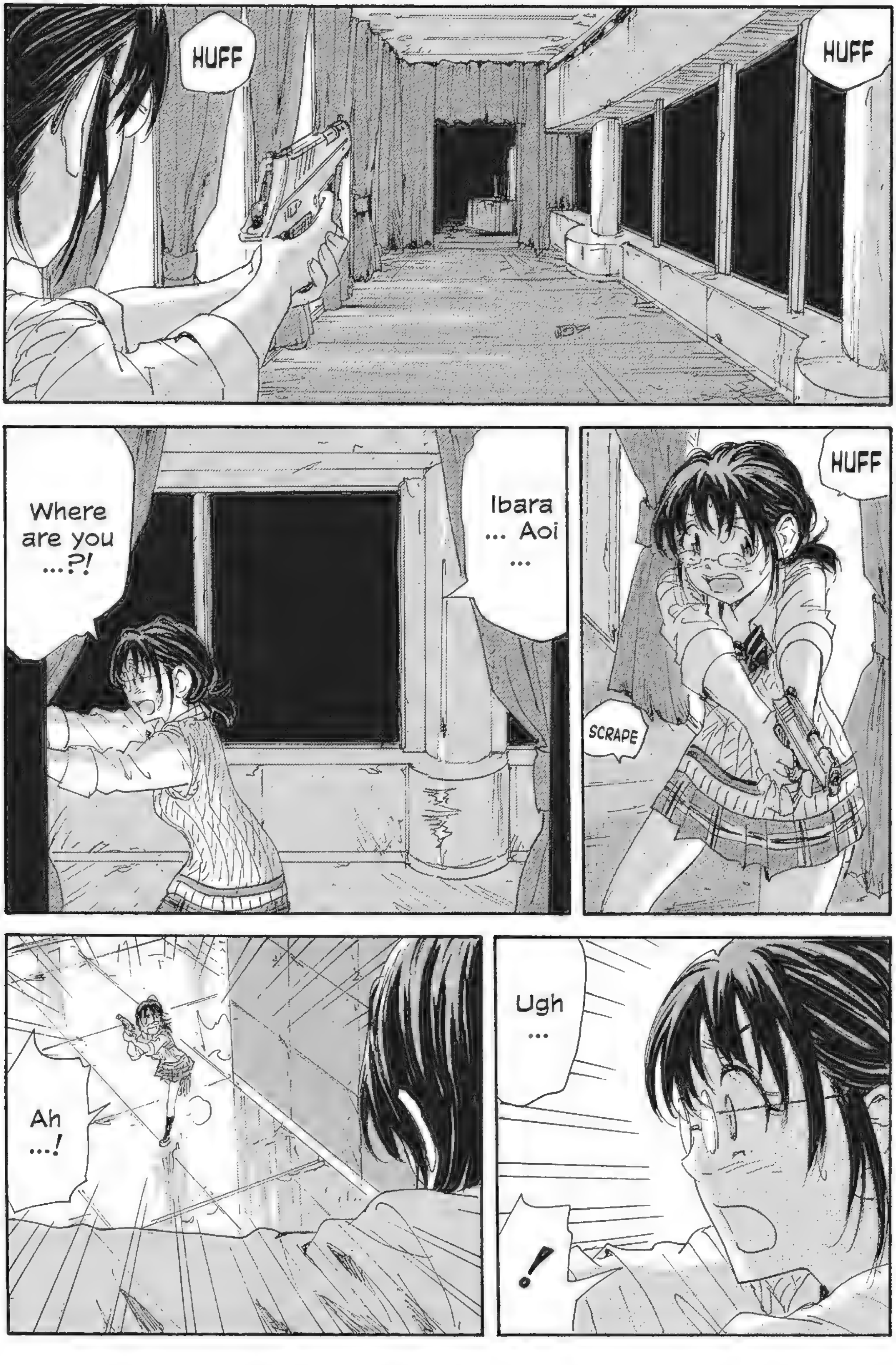

Then let's fight for real...
...to see who'll reign as the *queens* of these ruins!
Mana! Let your power loose on 'em!
VWOOM
WHOOSH
Bring it!

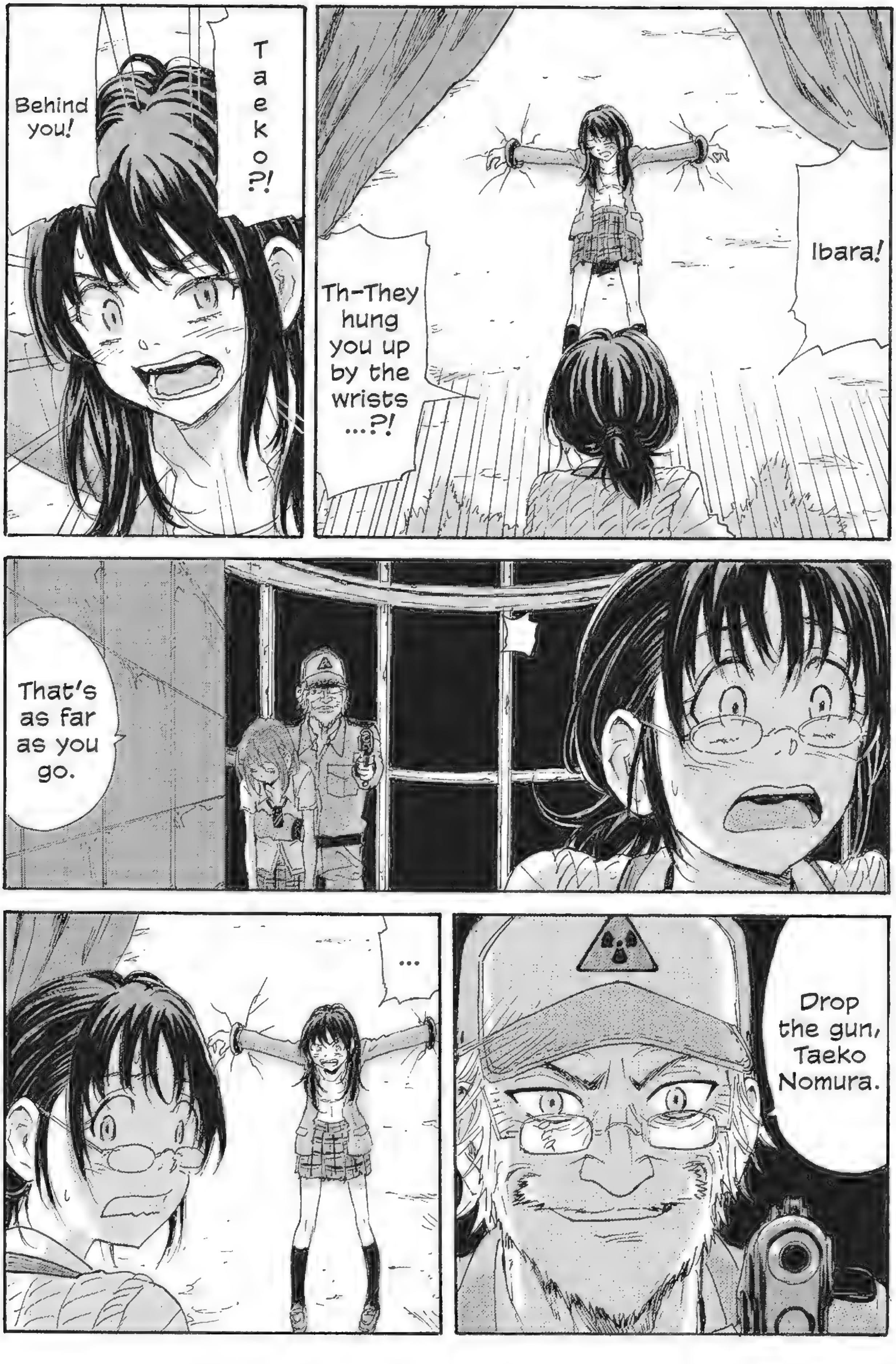

FWAP
FWAP
FWAP
BLAM
BLAM
!!
BWEEM
WHUD
Gah!!
KRISSH

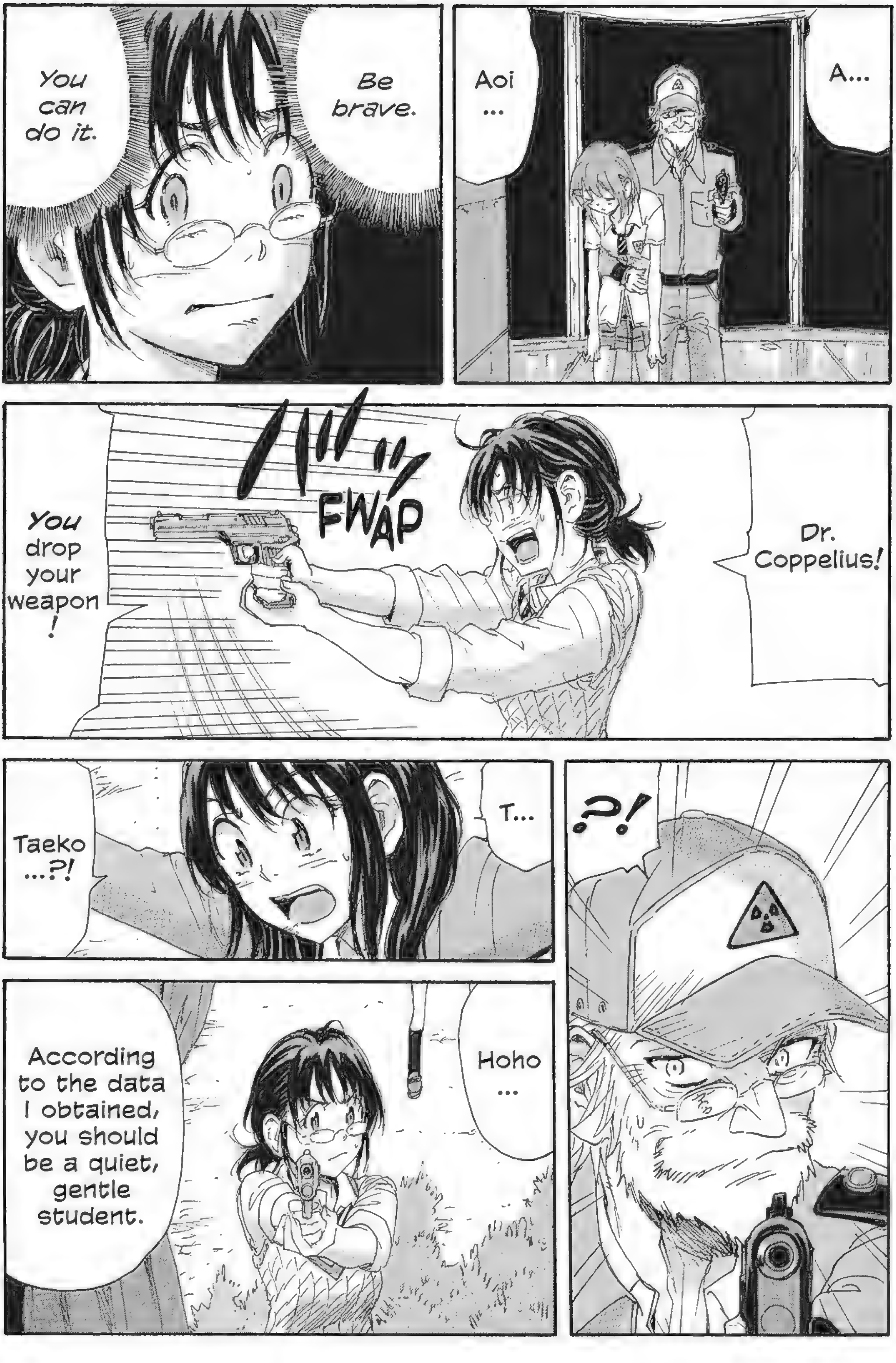

BOOM
BOOM
BOOM
BTOOM
...
BOOM
WHUD
TMP
TMP
TMP
WHOOOSH
Ultimate ...
... Shion Cut!!

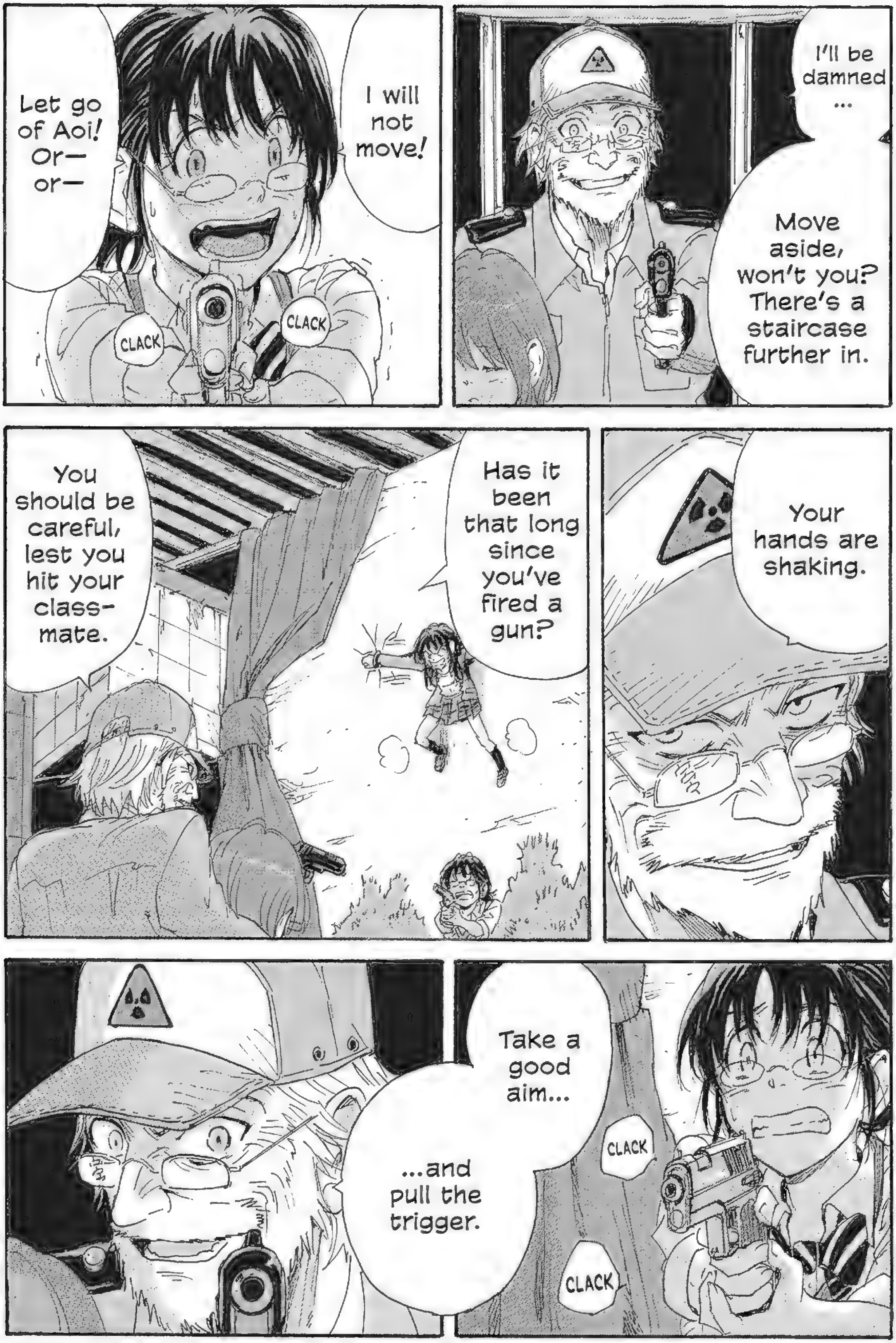

?!
BWOOOSH
FSSSH
SQUOOSH
...
Why don'tcha take a late night...
FWOOOM

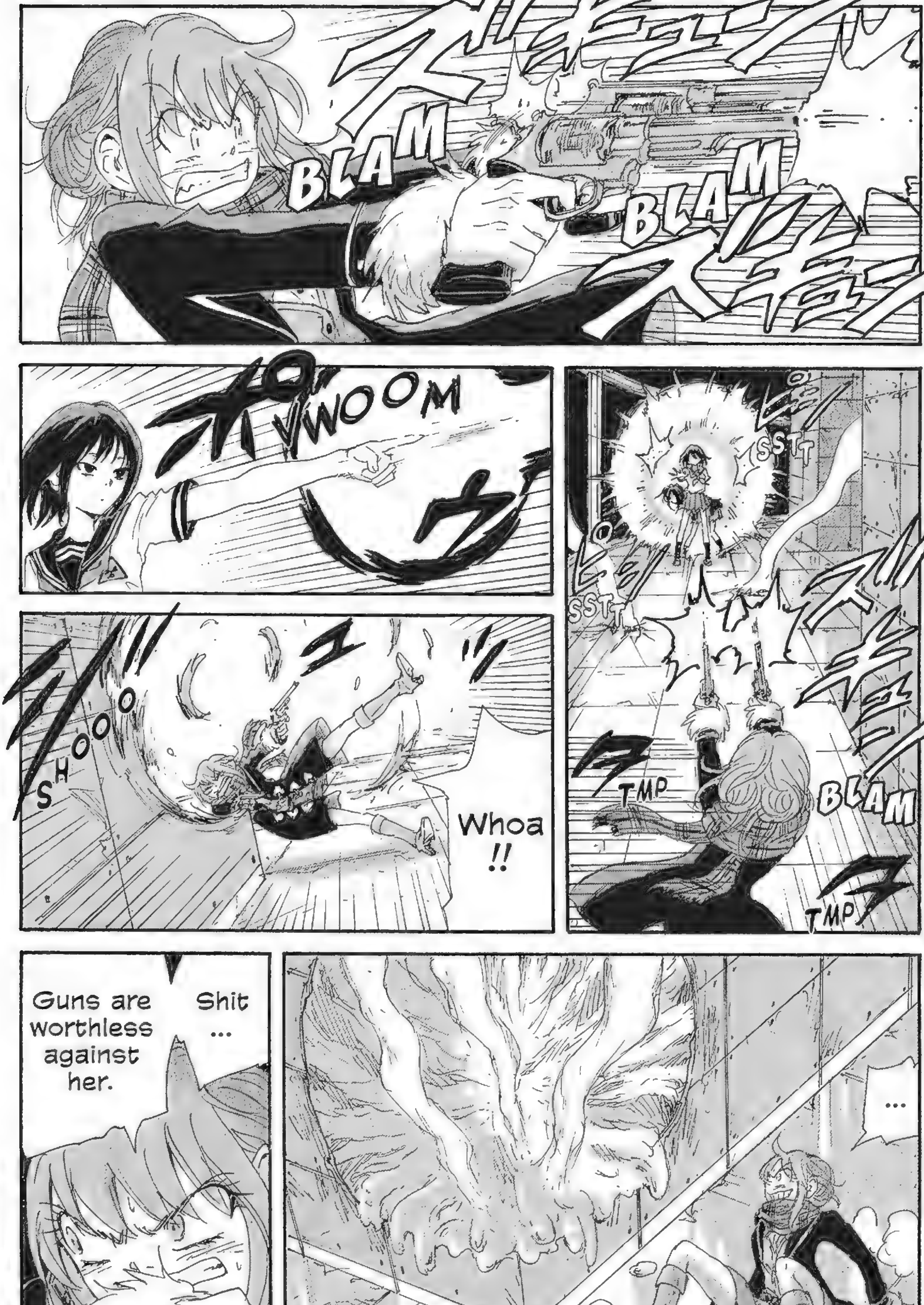

...sky-dive?!
KRASSH
Shion!
BLAM
FWAP
Grr!
KRRSH
H..
KRRSH
BLAM


HUFF
HUFF
HUFF
SCRAPE
Ibara ... Aoi ...
Where are you ...?!
Ugh ...
!
Ah ...!


Ibara!
Th-They hung you up by the wrists ...?!
Taeko?!
Behind you!
That's as far as you go.
Drop the gun, Taeko Nomura.
...


A...
Aoi...
Be brave.
You can do it.
Dr. Coppelius!
FWAP
You drop your weapon!
?!
T...
Taeko...?!
Hoho...
According to the data I obtained, you should be a quiet, gentle student.


I'll be damned...
Move aside, won't you? There's a staircase further in.
I will not move!
Let go of Aoi! Or— or—
CLACK
CLACK
Your hands are shaking.
Has it been that long since you've fired a gun?
You should be careful, lest you hit your class-mate.
Take a good aim...
...and pull the trigger.
CLACK
CLACK


ズッキューン
BLAM
BLAM
ズキュン
ビシ
SSTT
ビシ
SSTT
ズキュン
BLAM
タ
TMP
タ
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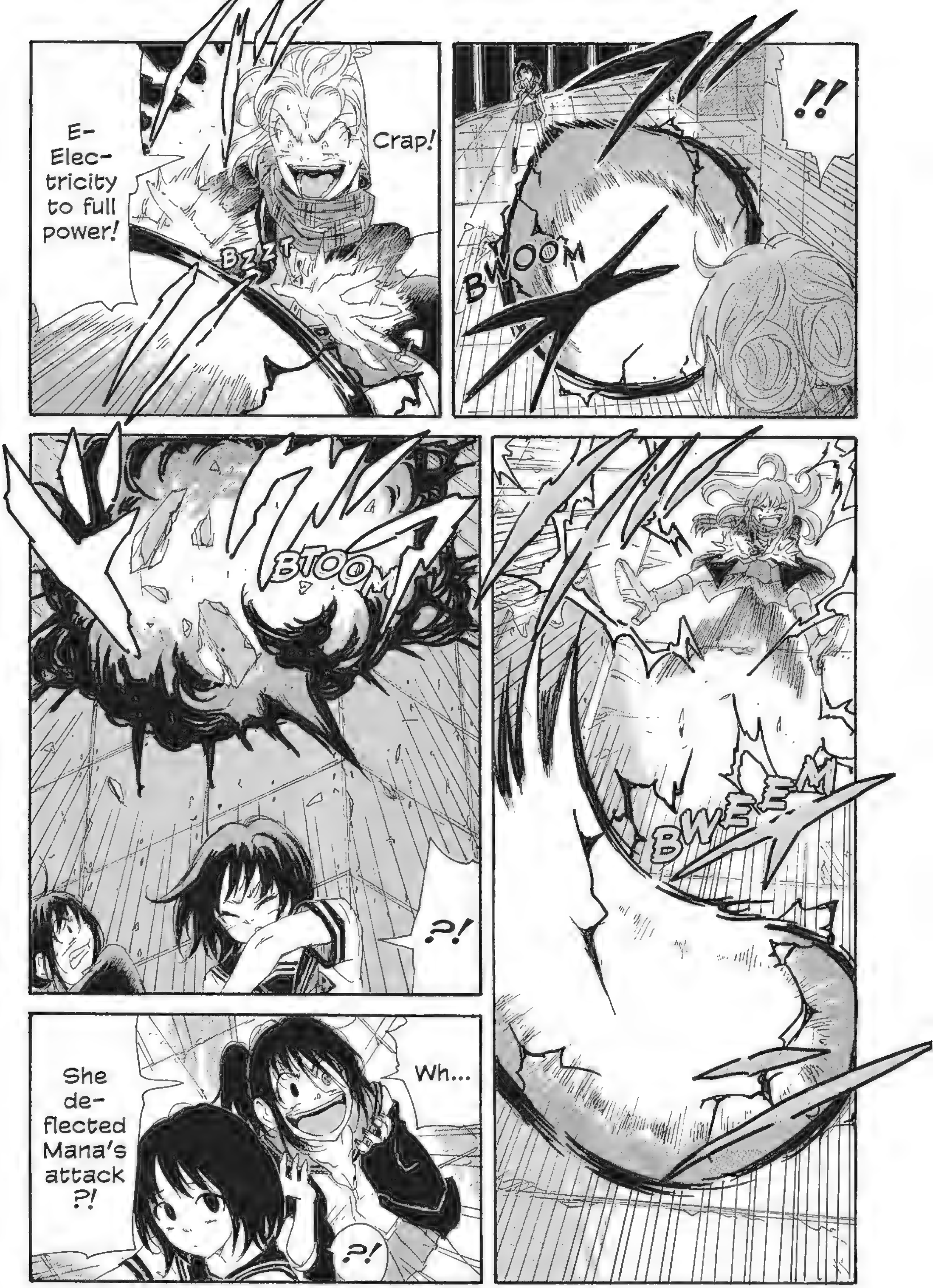
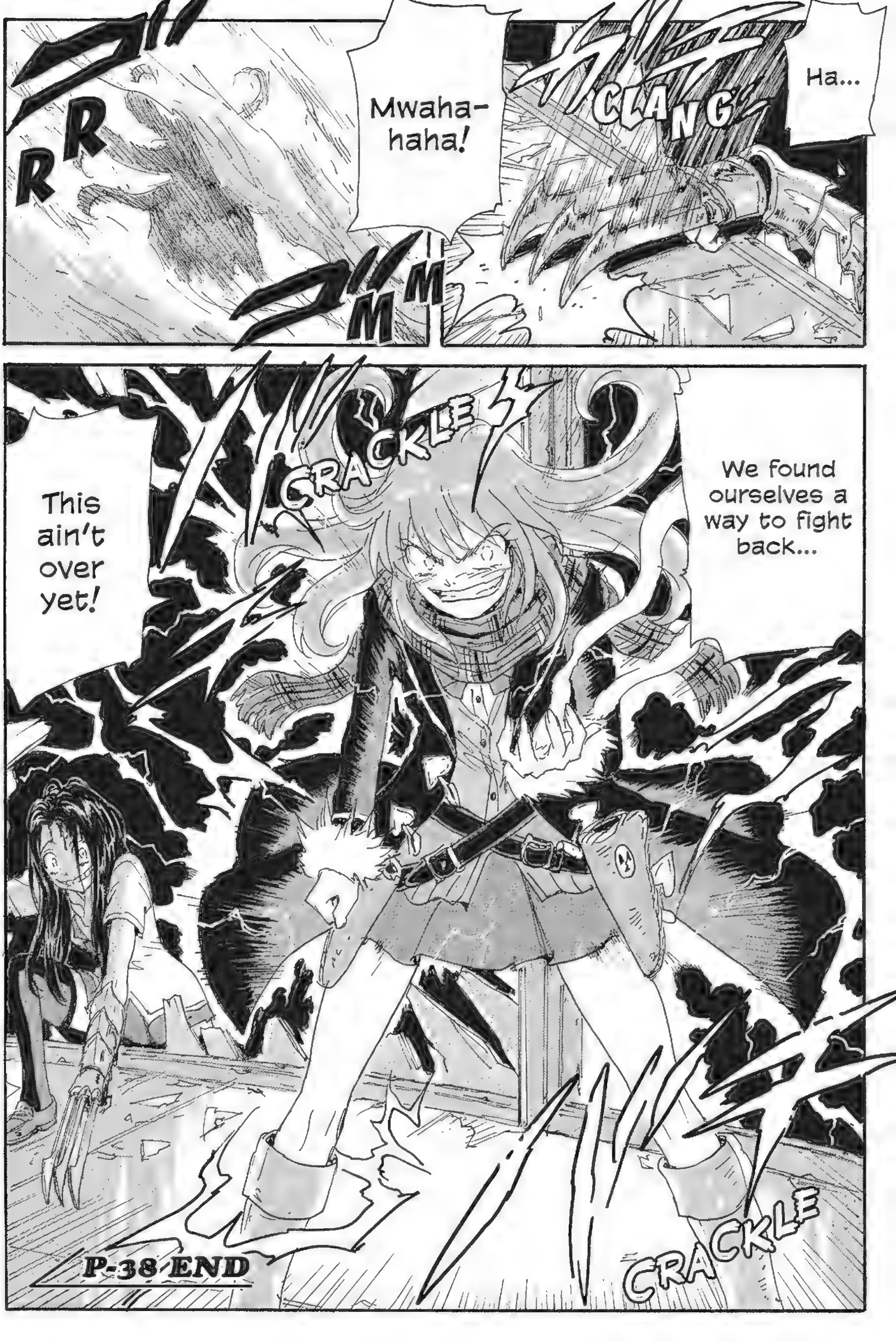
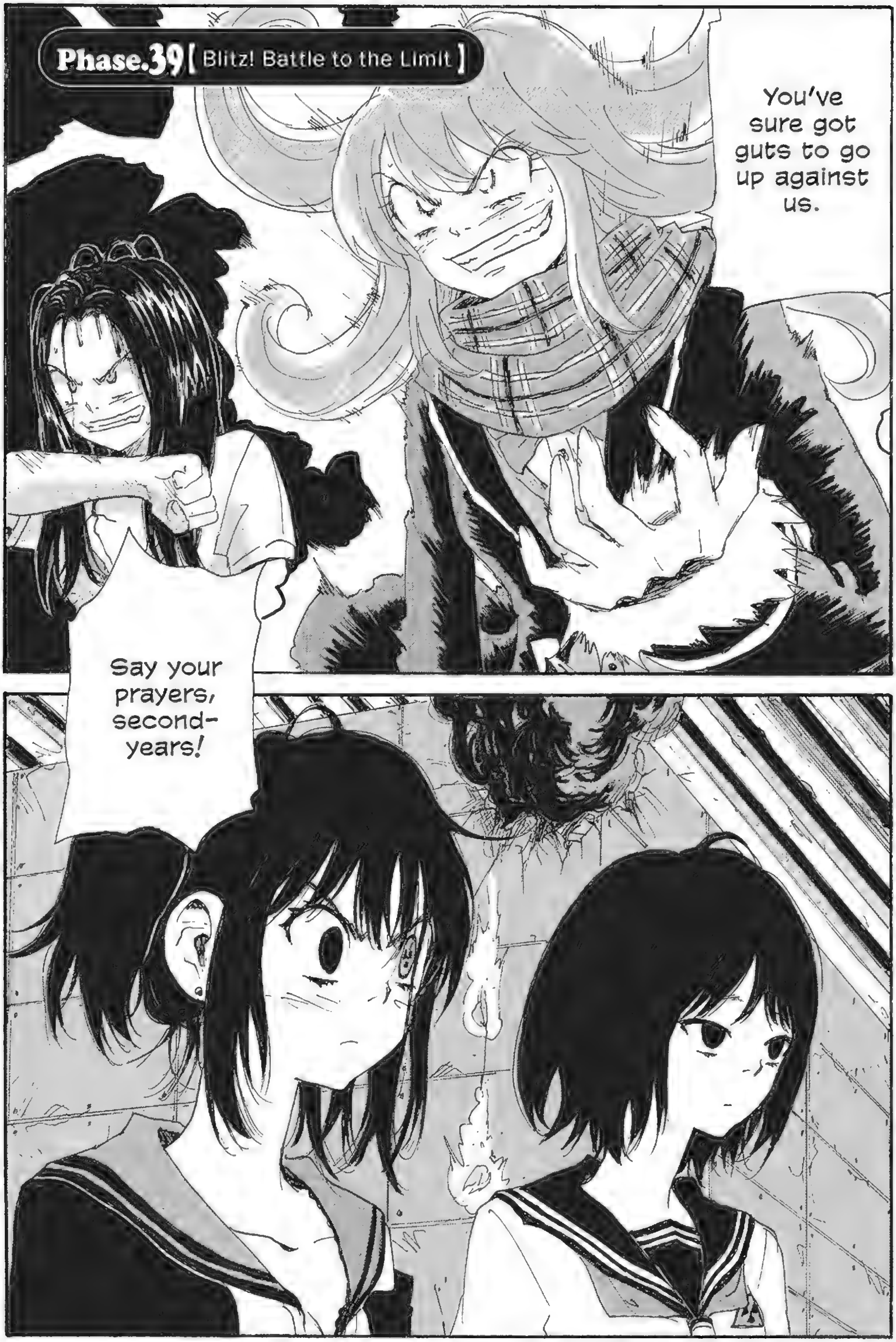
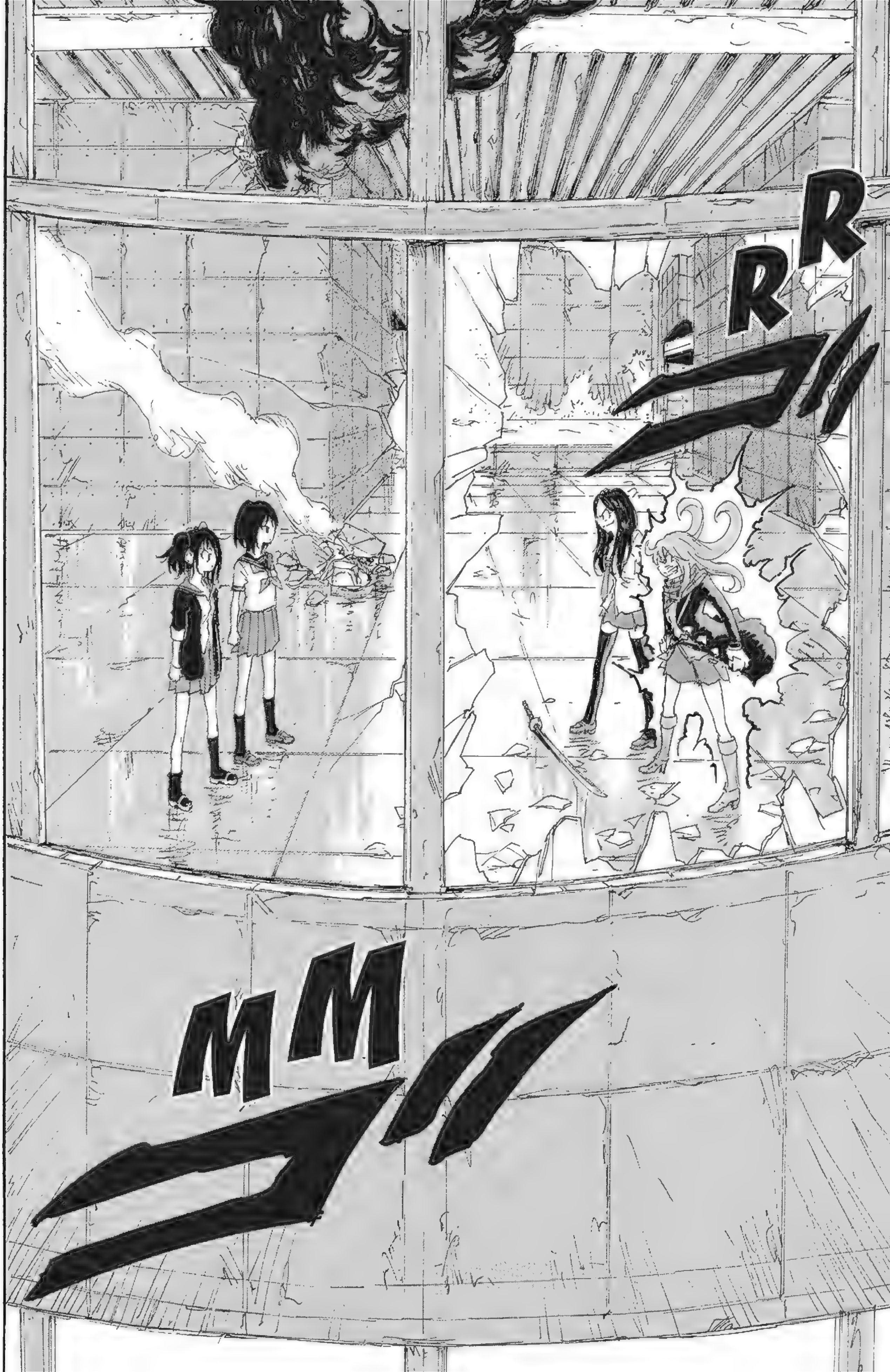
ポウ
VWOOM
ズュ
SHOOO
Whoa !!
...
Shit ...
Guns are worthless against her.


!!
BWOOM
Crap!
E-Electricity to full power!
BZZT
BWEEM
BTOOM
?!
Wh...
She deflected Mana's attack?!
?!


Ha...
CLANG
Mwaha-haha!
RRR
MMM
We found ourselves a way to fight back...
CRACKLE
This ain't over yet!
CRACKLE
P-38 END

Phase.39 [Blitz! Battle to the Limit]


You've sure got guts to go up against us.
Say your prayers, second-years!


RRR
ゴ
MM
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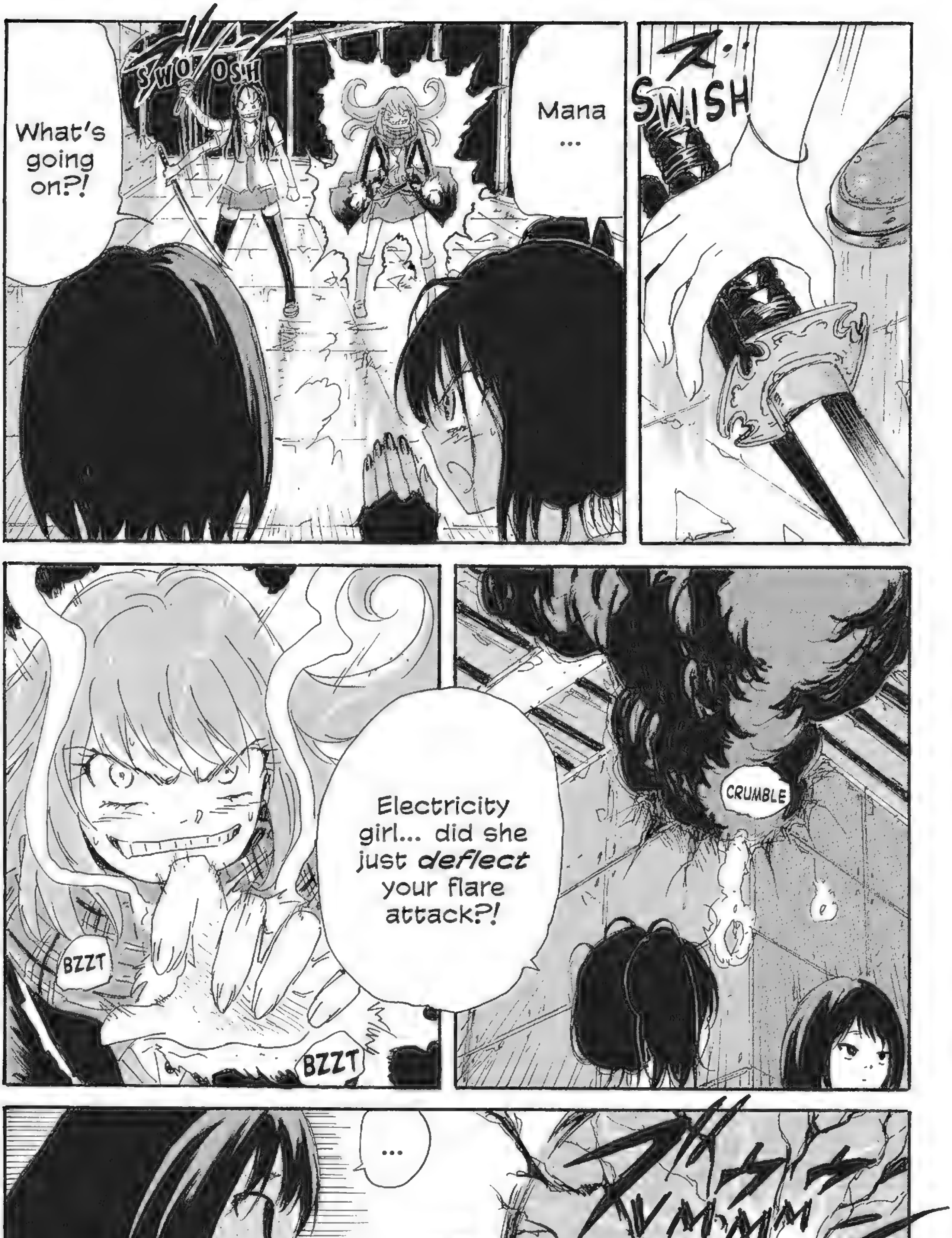
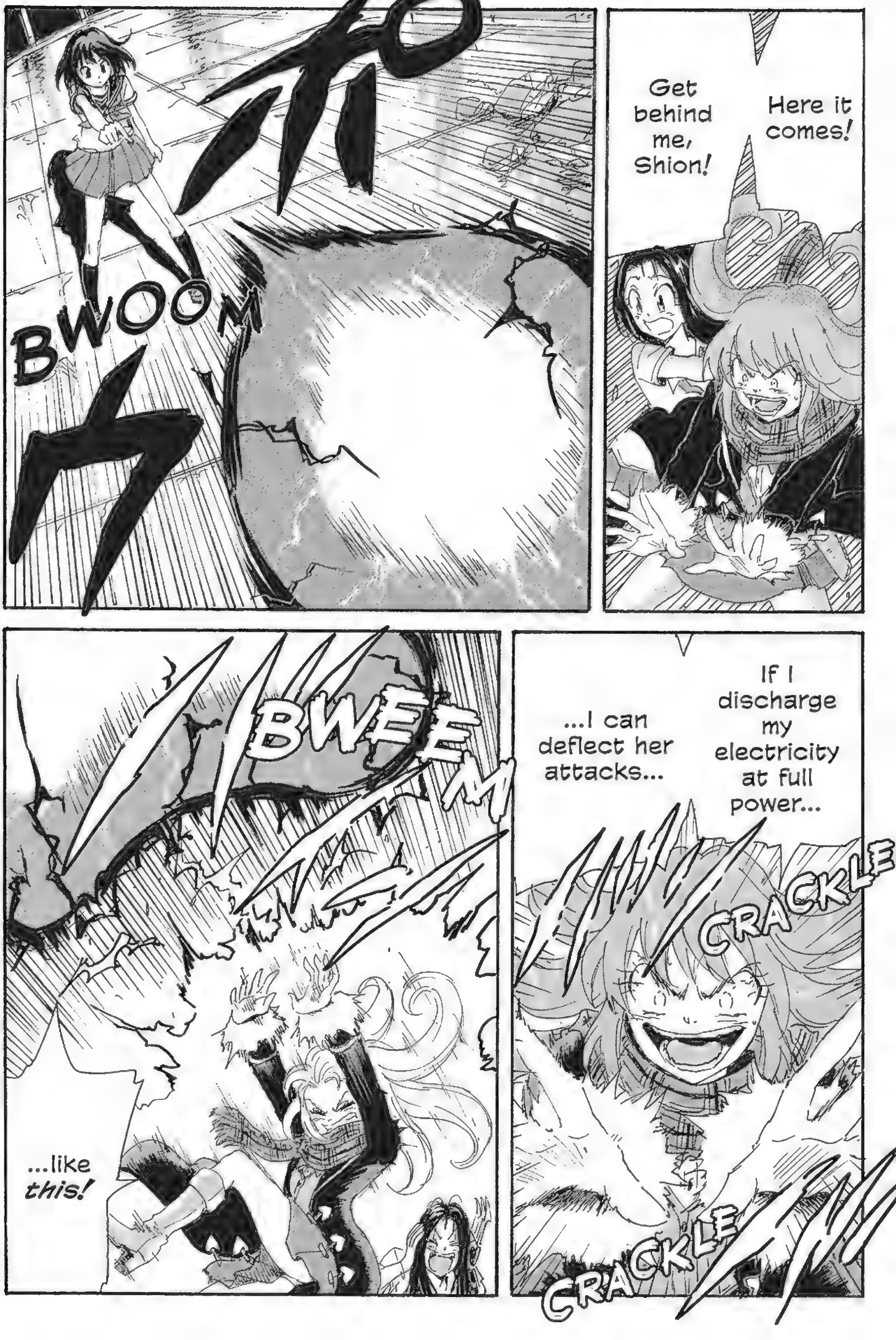
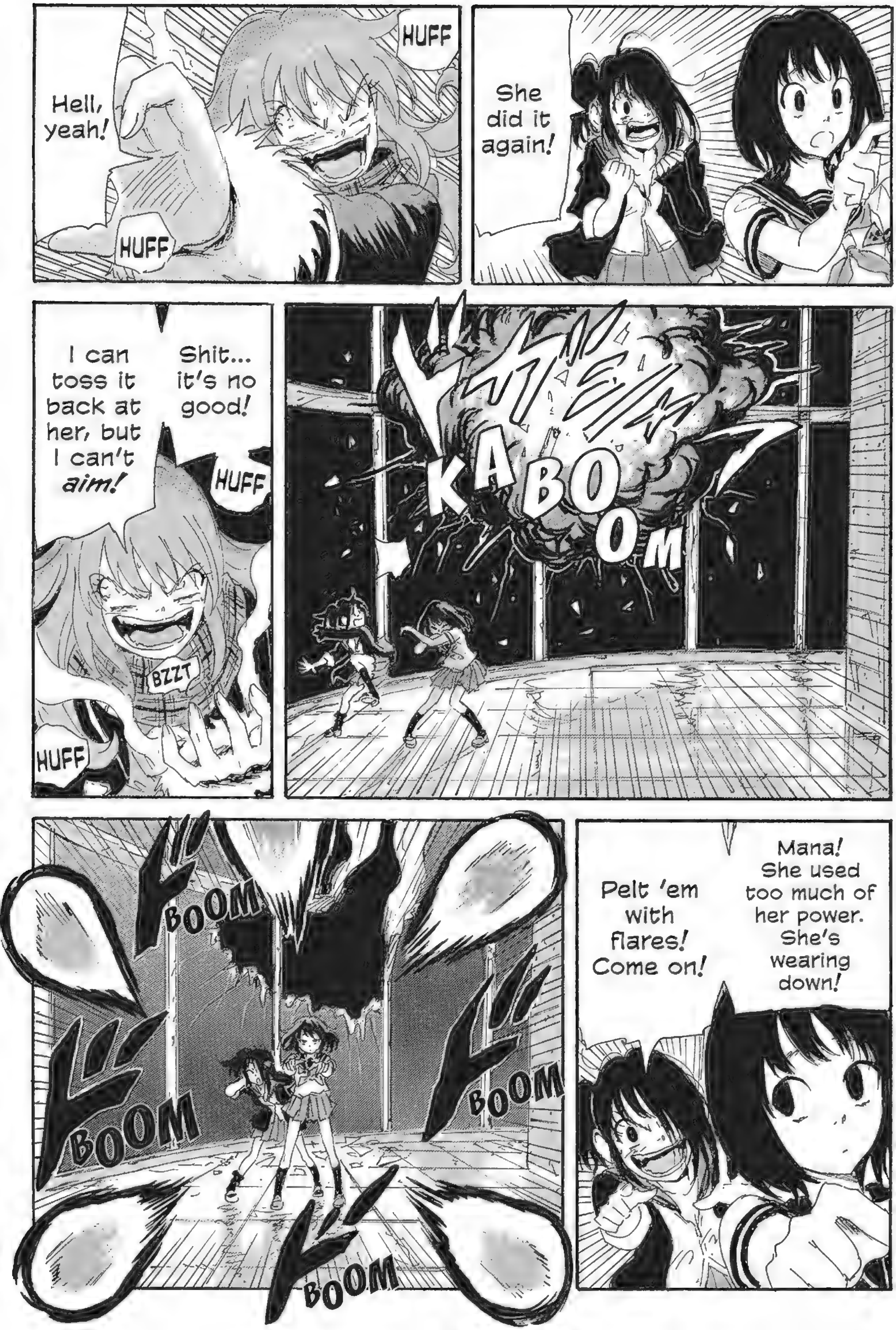
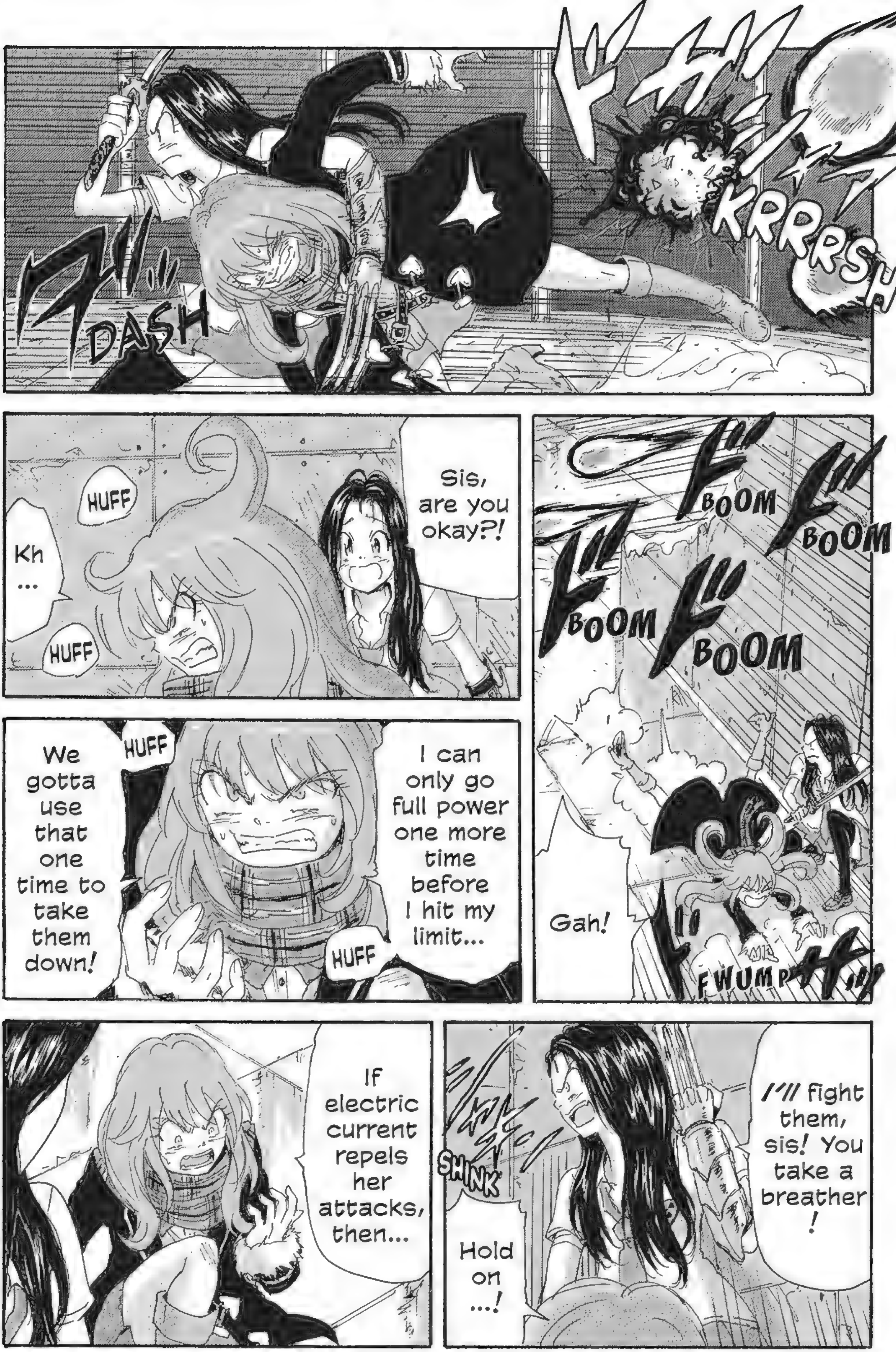
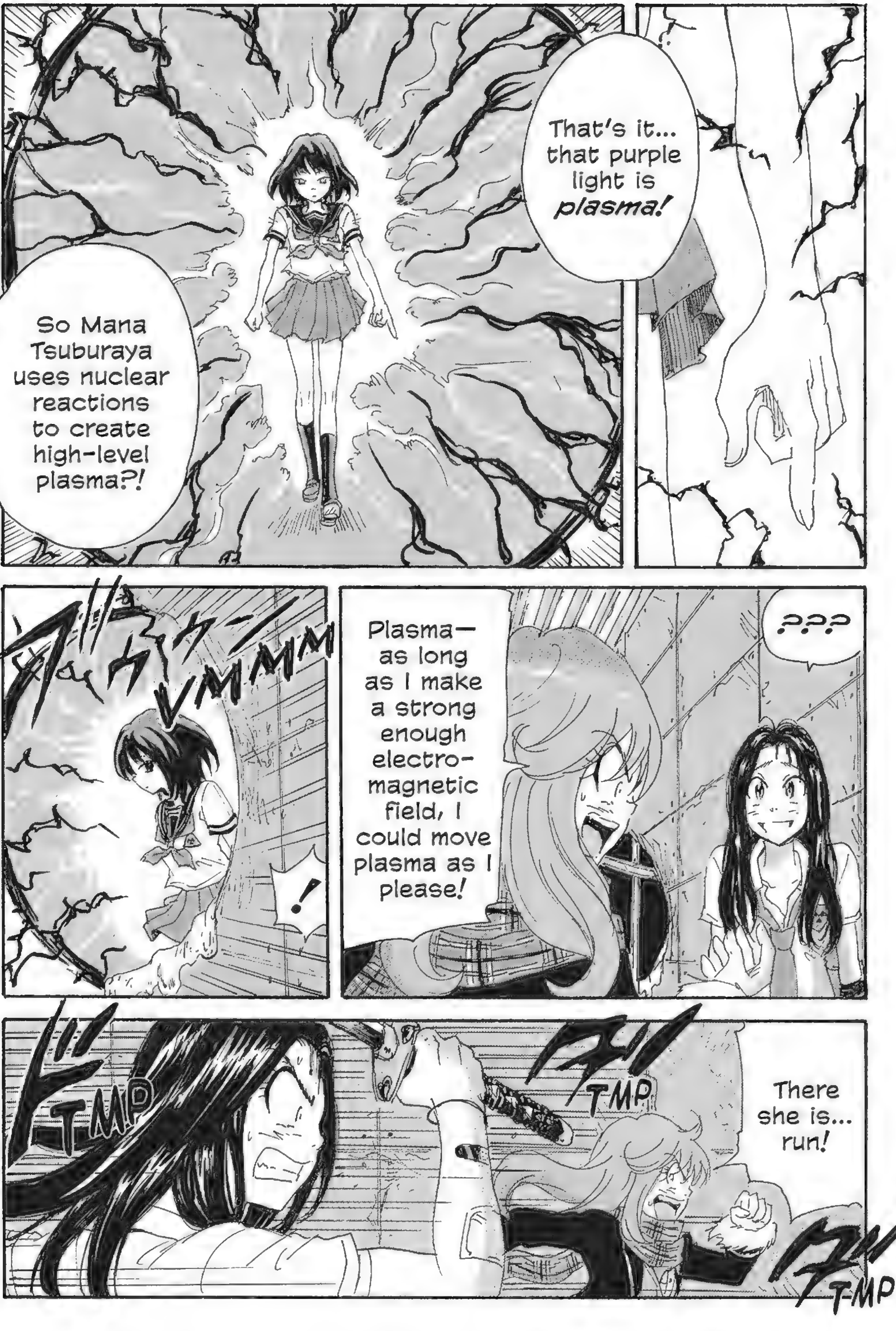
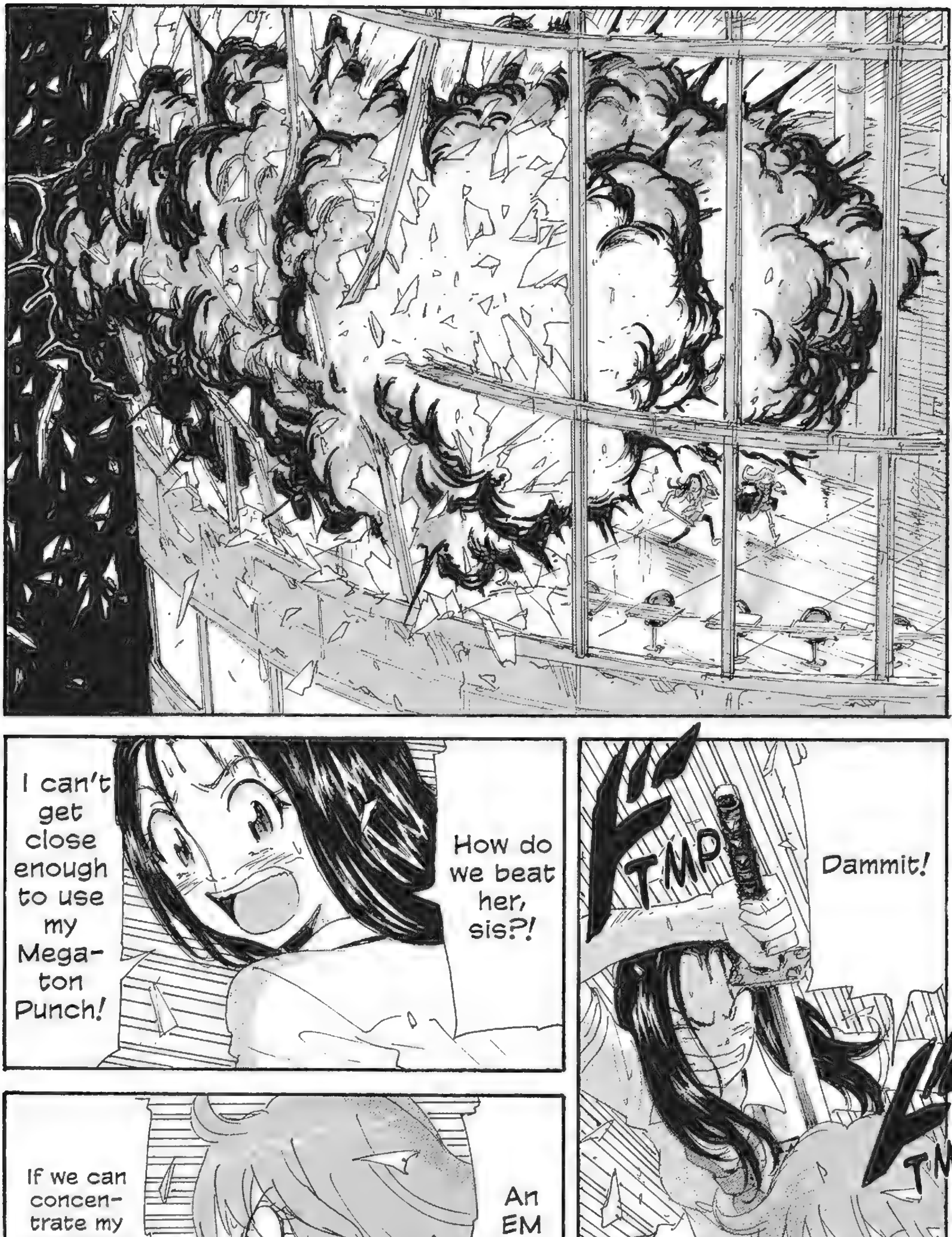

SWISH
Mana ...
SWOOSH
What's going on?!
CRUMBLE
Electricity girl... did she just *deflect* your flare attack?!
BZZT
BZZT
...
VMMM

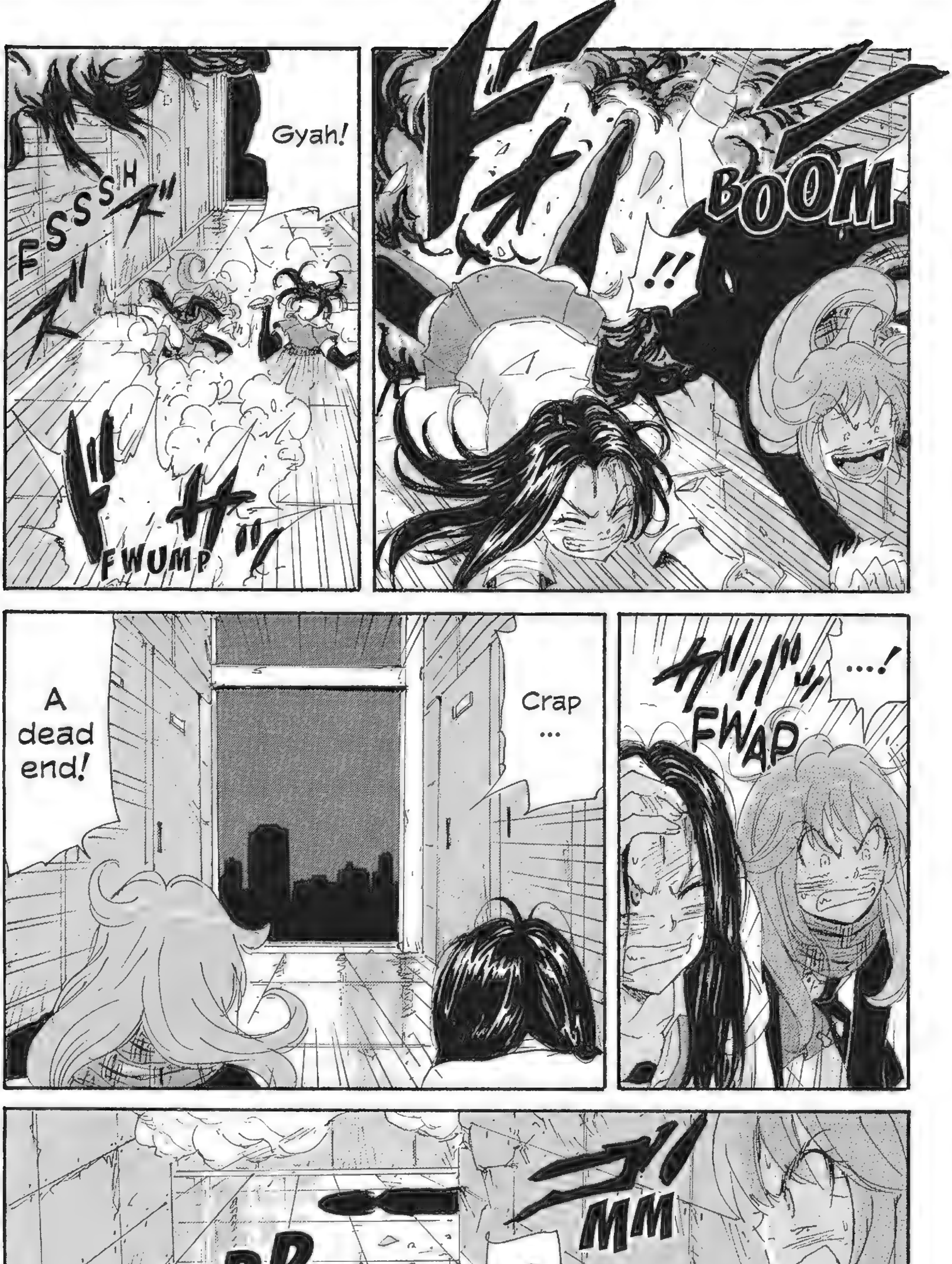

Here it comes!
Get behind me, Shion!
BWOOM
If I discharge my electricity at full power...
...I can deflect her attacks...
CRACKLE
CRACKLE
BWEEM
...like *this!*

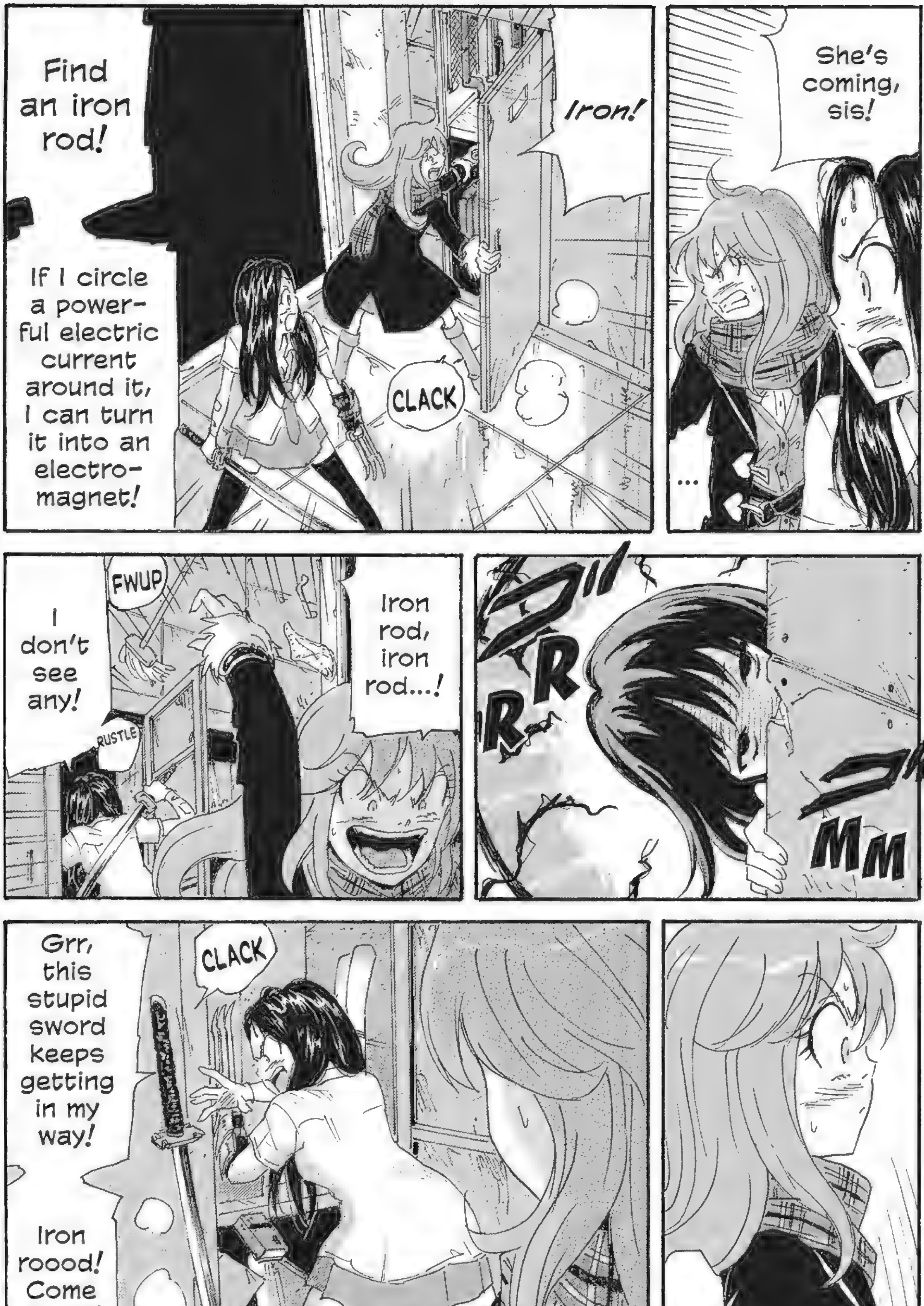

She did it again!
HUFF
Hell, yeah!
HUFF
KABOOM
Shit... it's no good!
I can toss it back at her, but I can't *aim!*
HUFF
BZZT
HUFF
Mana! She used too much of her power. She's wearing down!
Pelt 'em with flares! Come on!
BOOM
BOOM
BOOM
BOOM

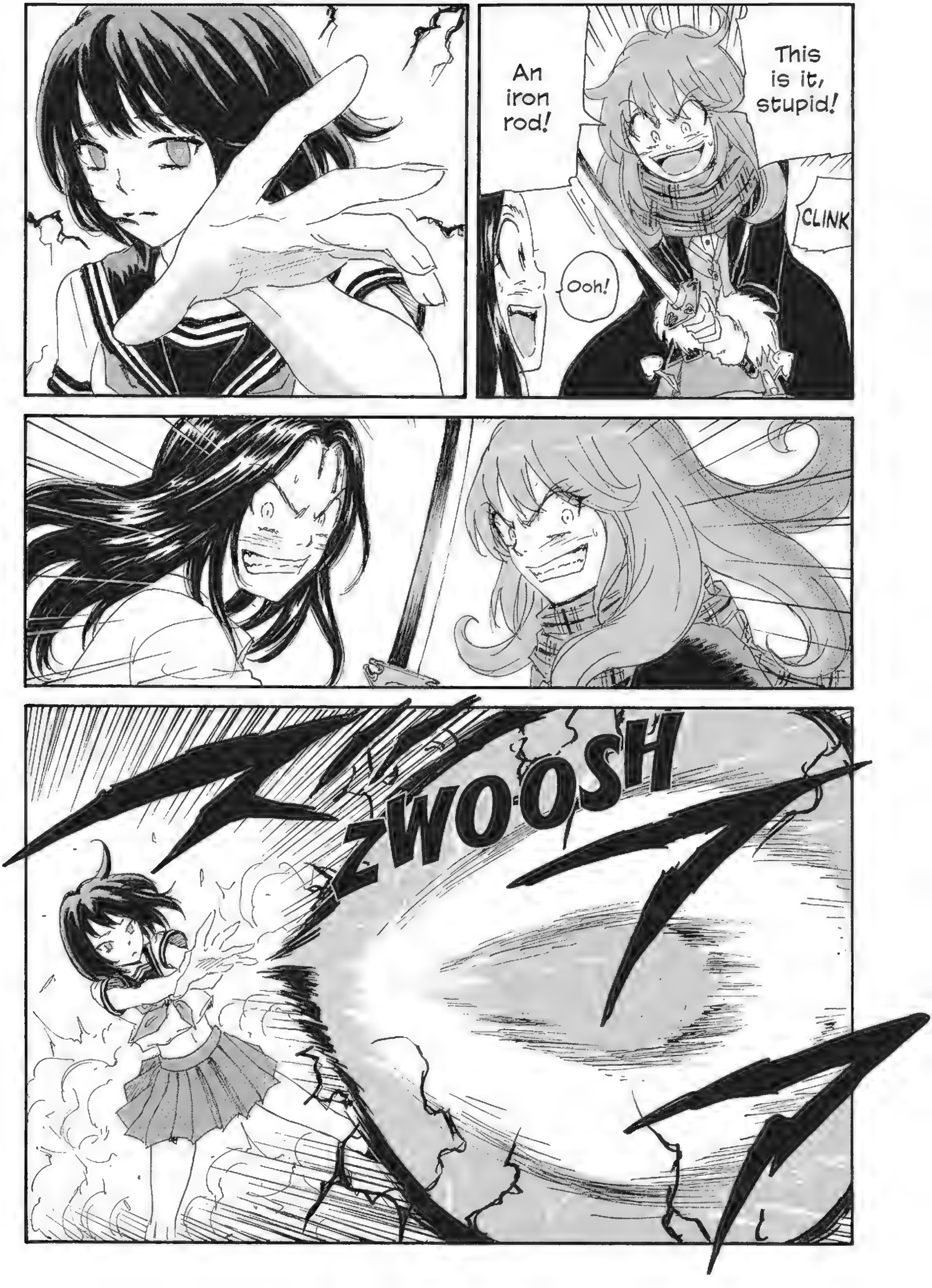

KRRRSH
DASH
BOOM
BOOM
BOOM
BOOM
Gah!
FWUMP
Sis, are you okay?!
Kh...
HUFF
HUFF
HUFF
I can only go full power one more time before I hit my limit...
We gotta use that one time to take them down!
HUFF
SHINK
I'll fight them, sis! You take a breather!
Hold on...!
If electric current repels her attacks, then...

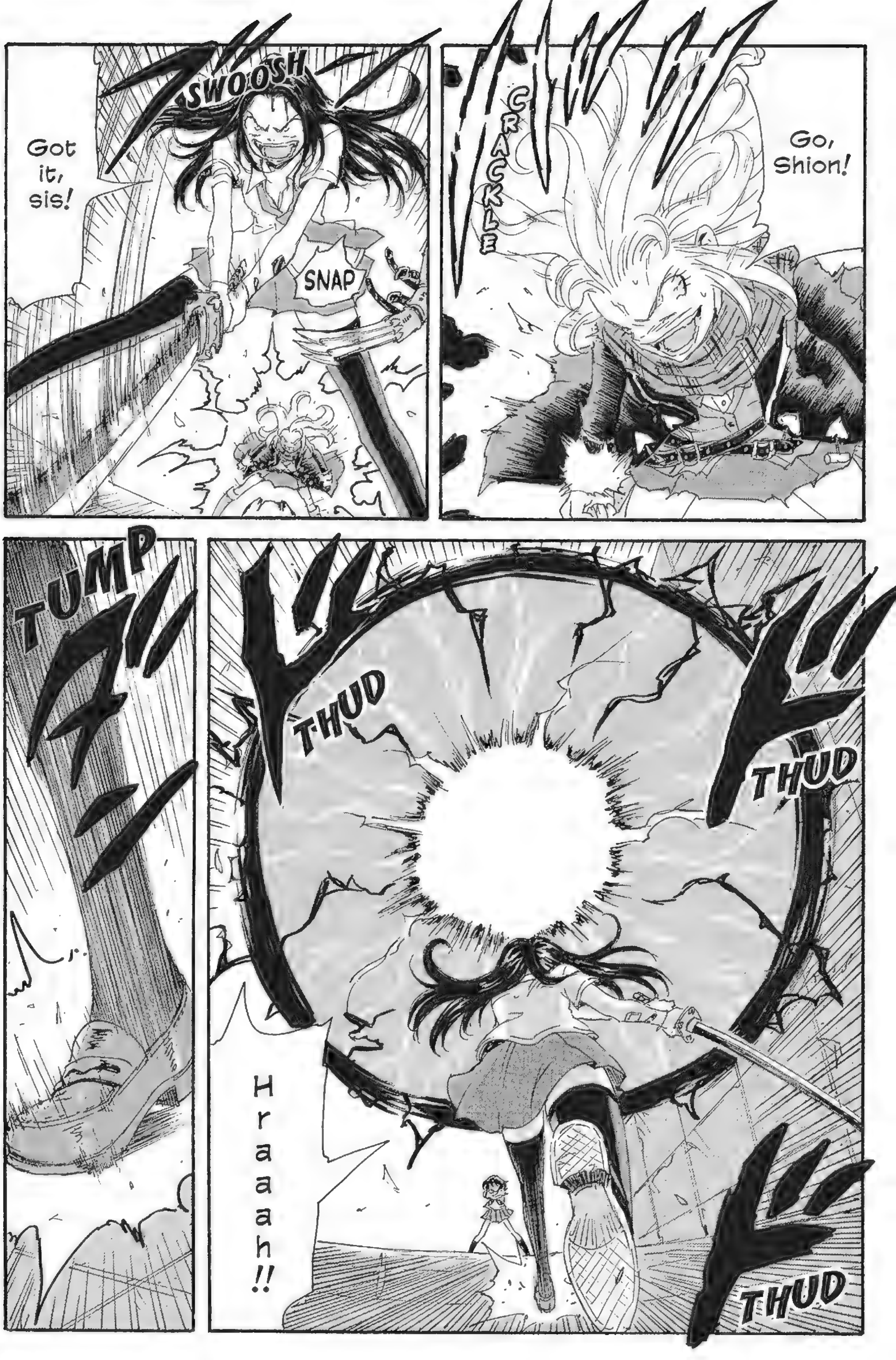

That's it... that purple light is *plasma!*
So Mana Tsuburaya uses nuclear reactions to create high-level plasma?!
???
Plasma— as long as I make a strong enough electro-magnetic field, I could move plasma as I please!
!
VMMMM
There she is... run!
TMP
TMP
TMP

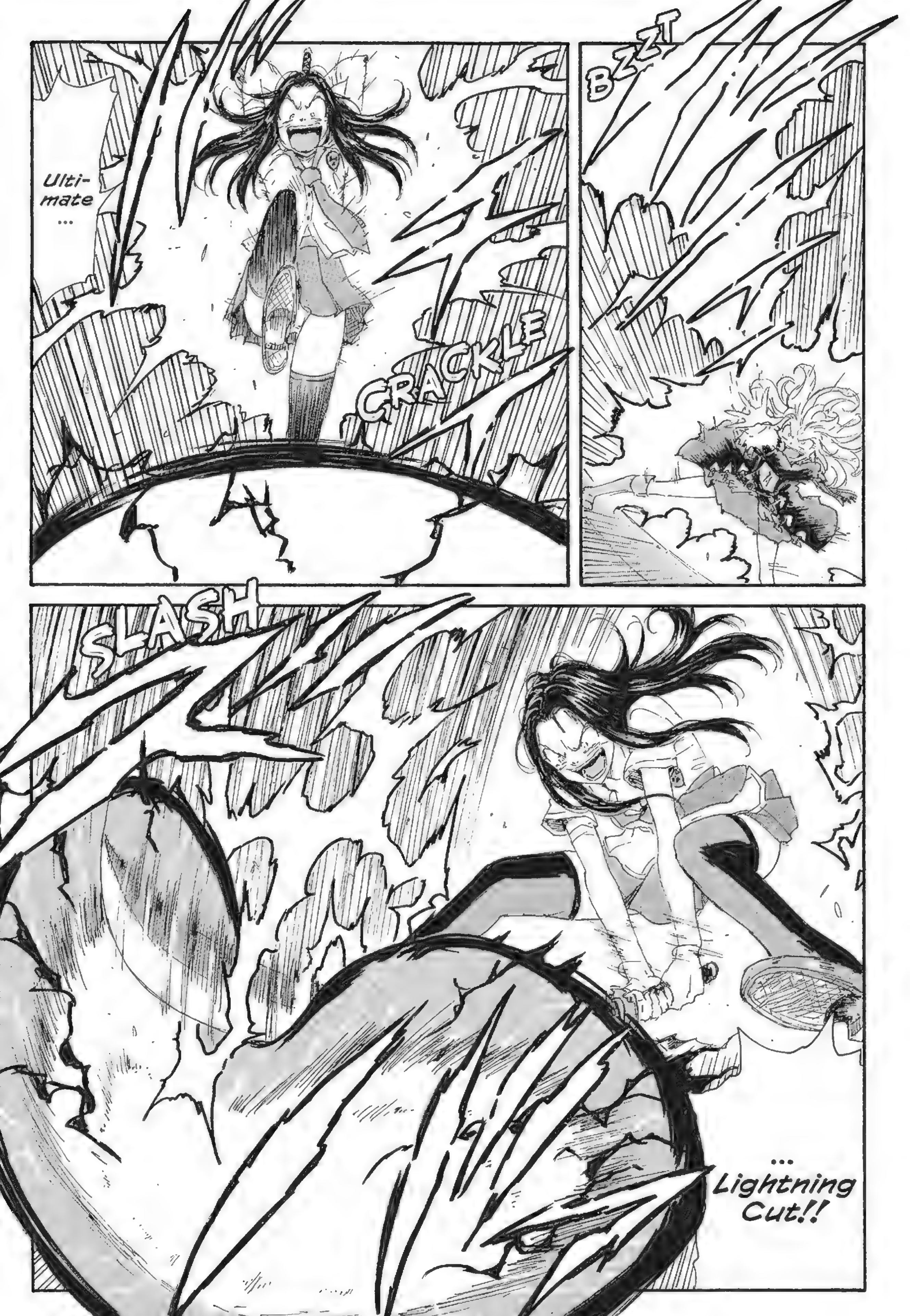

TMP
Dammit!
TMP
How do we beat her, sis?!
I can't get close enough to use my Megaton Punch!
An EM field!
If we can concentrate my electricity in one place and form a controllable EM field—

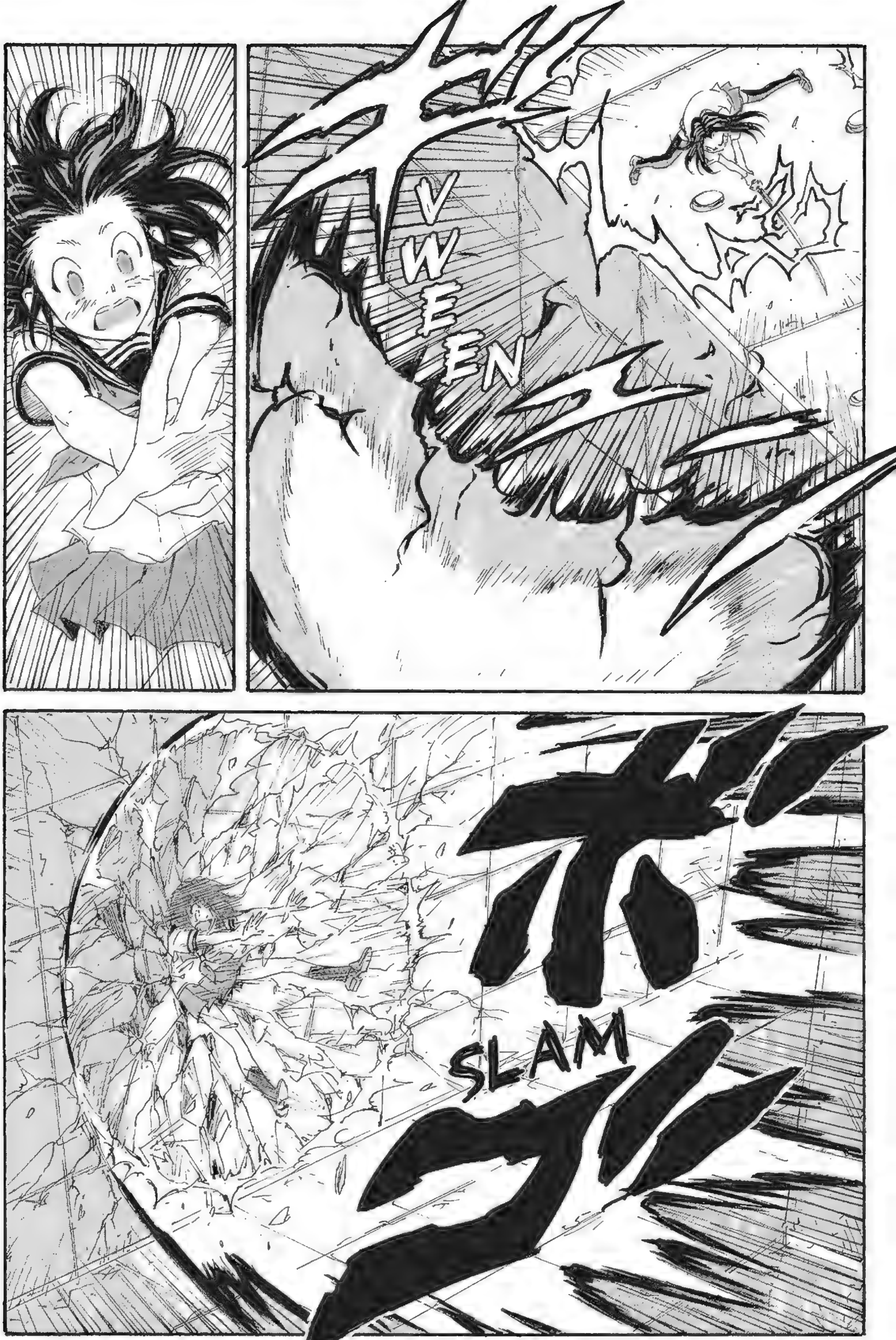

BOOM
!!
Gyah!
FSSSH
FWUMP
...!
FWAP
Crap ...
A dead end!
MM
RR
!

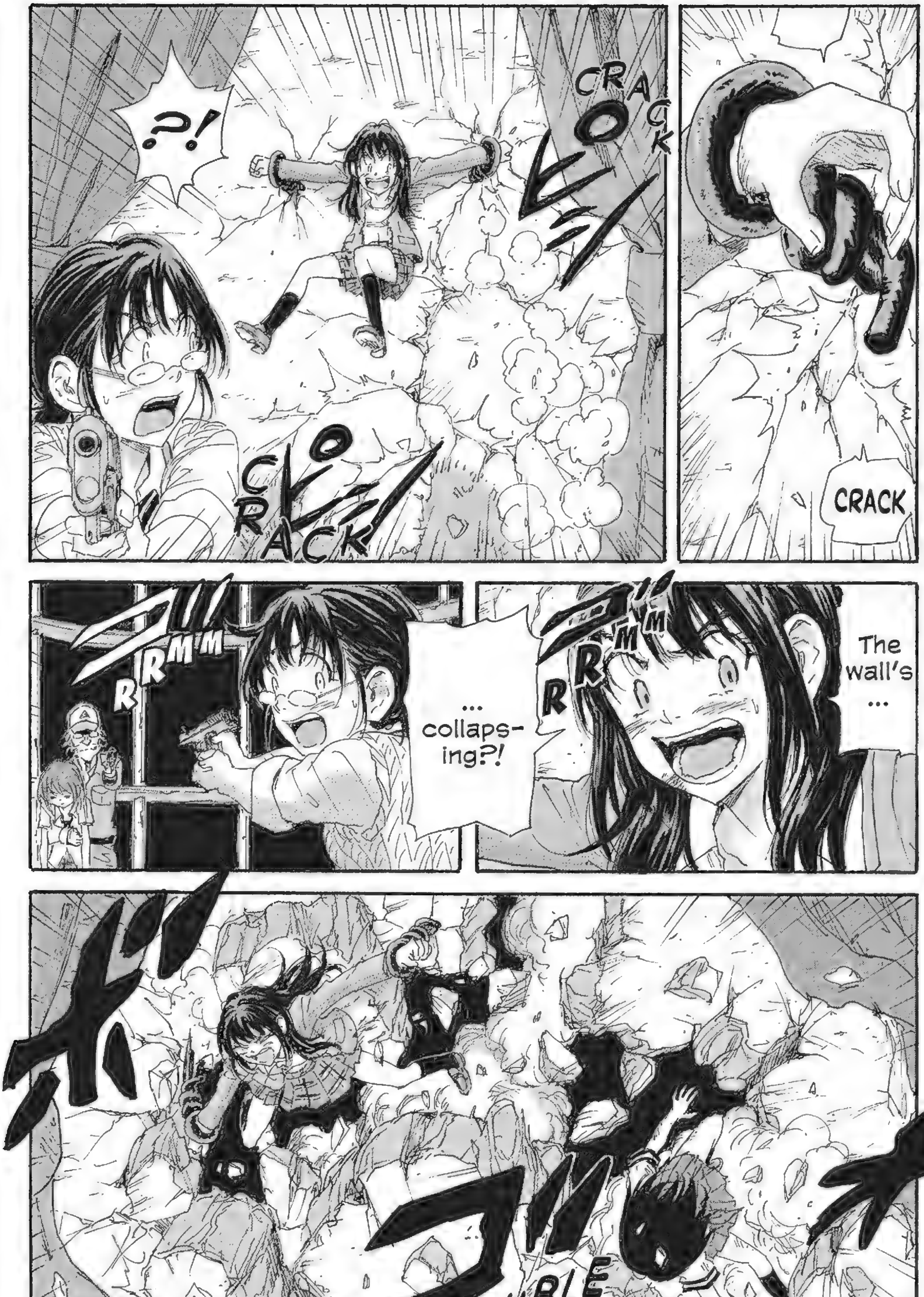

She's coming, sis!
...
Iron!
Find an iron rod!
If I circle a powerful electric current around it, I can turn it into an electromagnet!
CLACK
RRR
MM
Iron rod, iron rod...!
FWUP
I don't see any!
RUSTLE
...!
Grr, this stupid sword keeps getting in my way!
CLACK
Iron roood! Come ouuut!

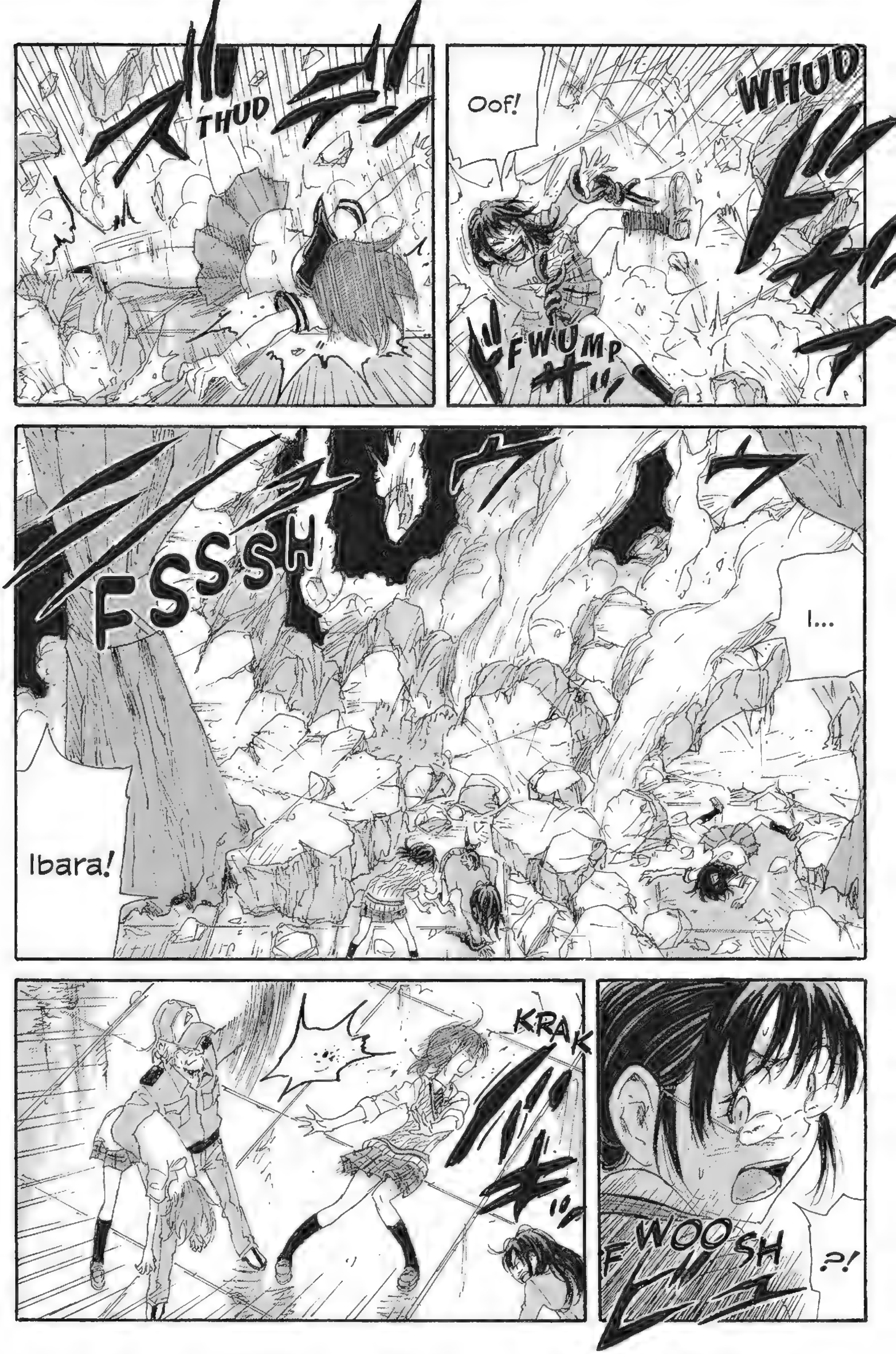

This is it, stupid!
An iron rod!
CLINK
Ooh!
ZWOOSH

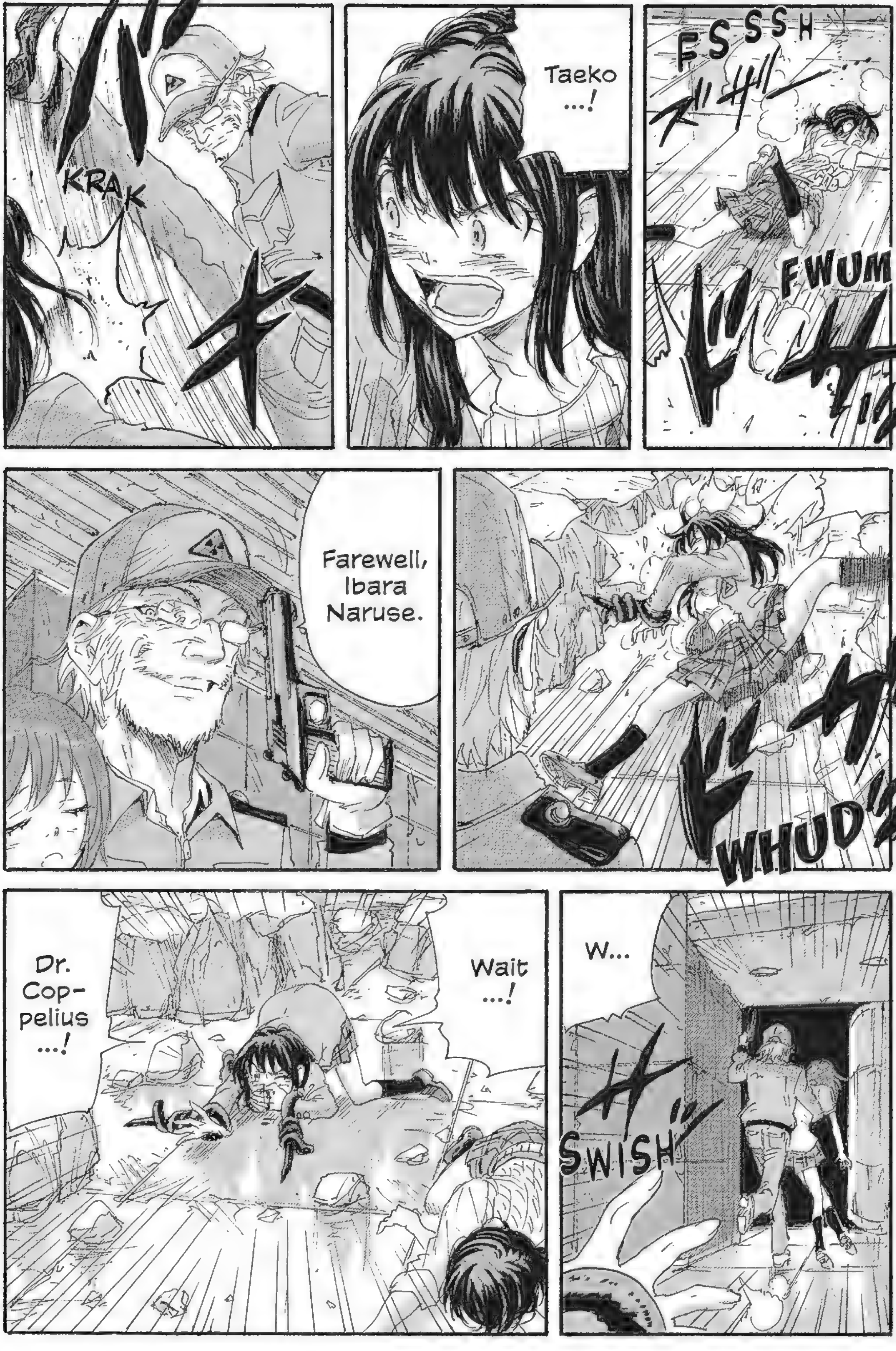

Go, Shion!
CRACKLE
Got it, sis!
SWOOSH
SNAP
THUD
THUD
THUD
Hraaah!!
TUMP

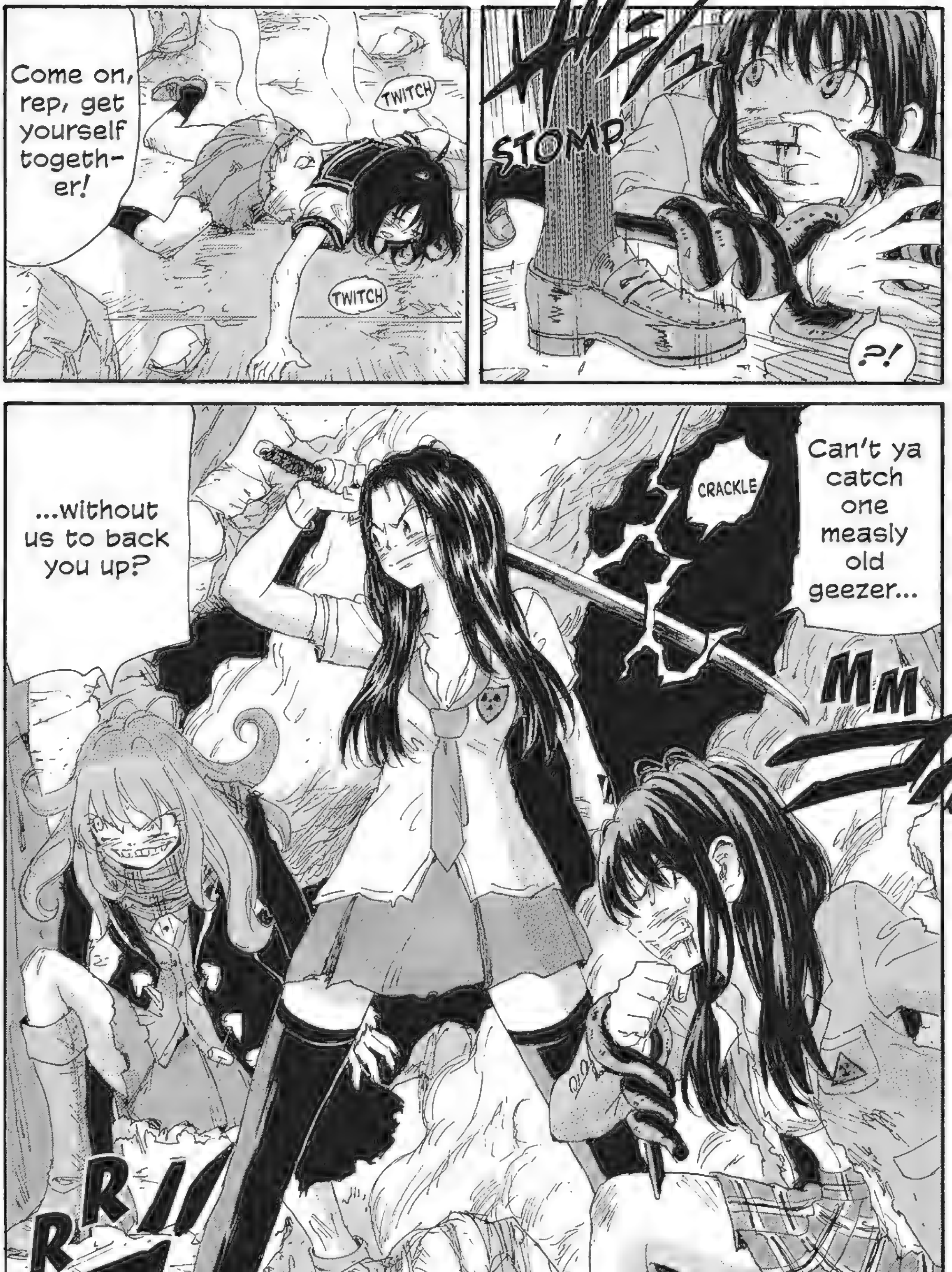

Ultimate...
CRACKLE
BZZT
SLASH
...Lightning Cut!!

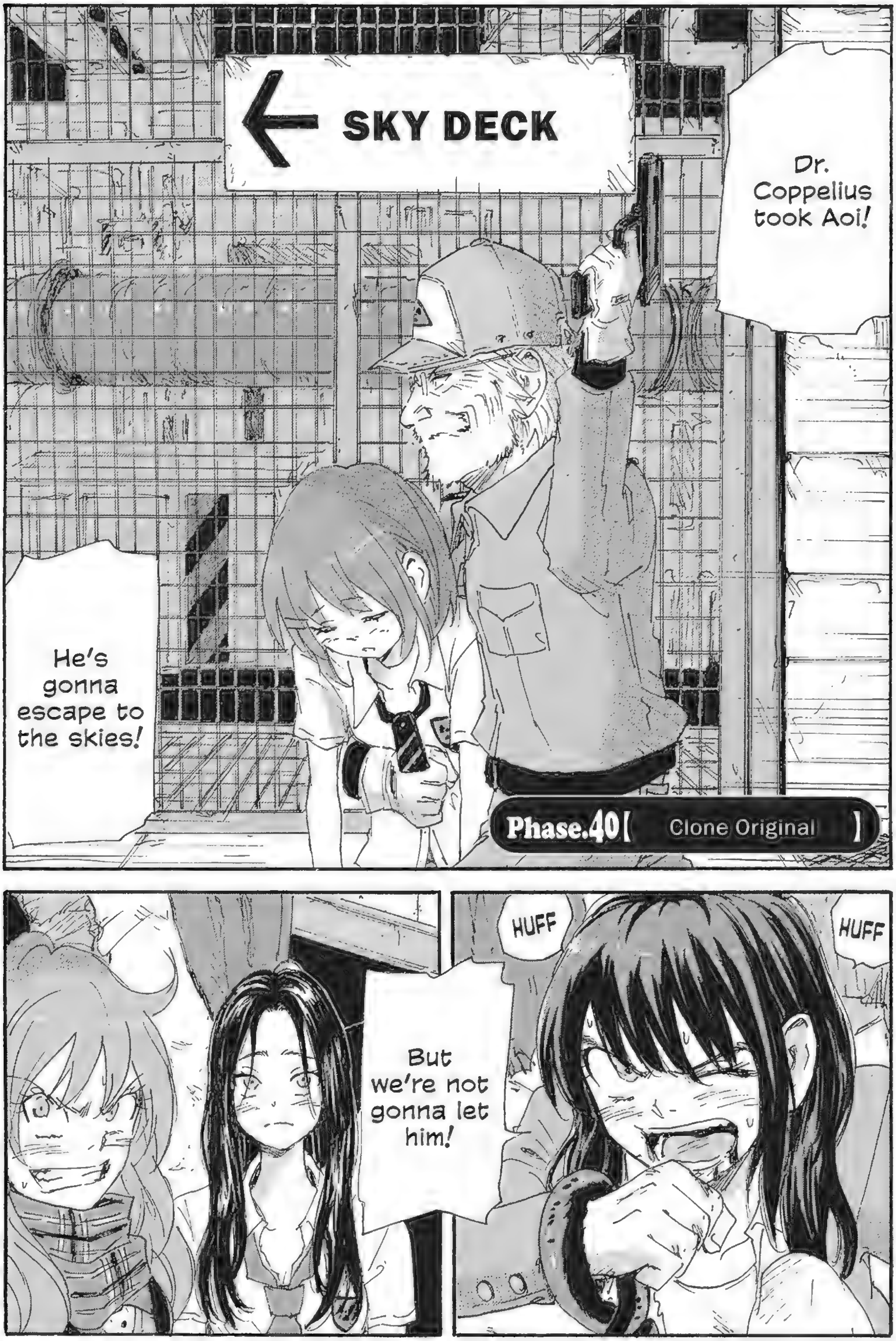

VWEEN
SLAM

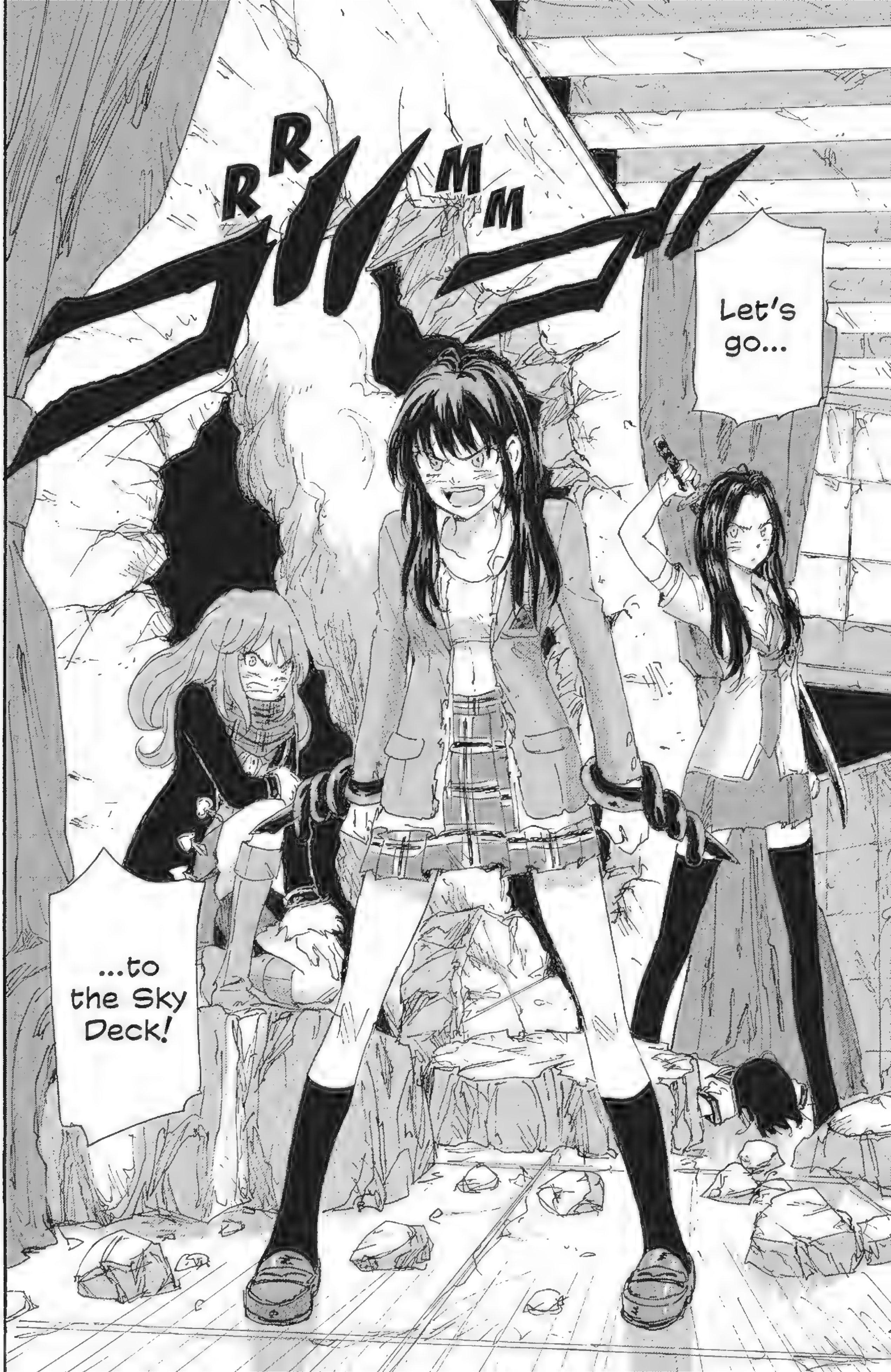

CRACK
CRACK
?!
CRACK
The wall's …
RRMM
… collapsing?!
RRMM
CRUMBLE

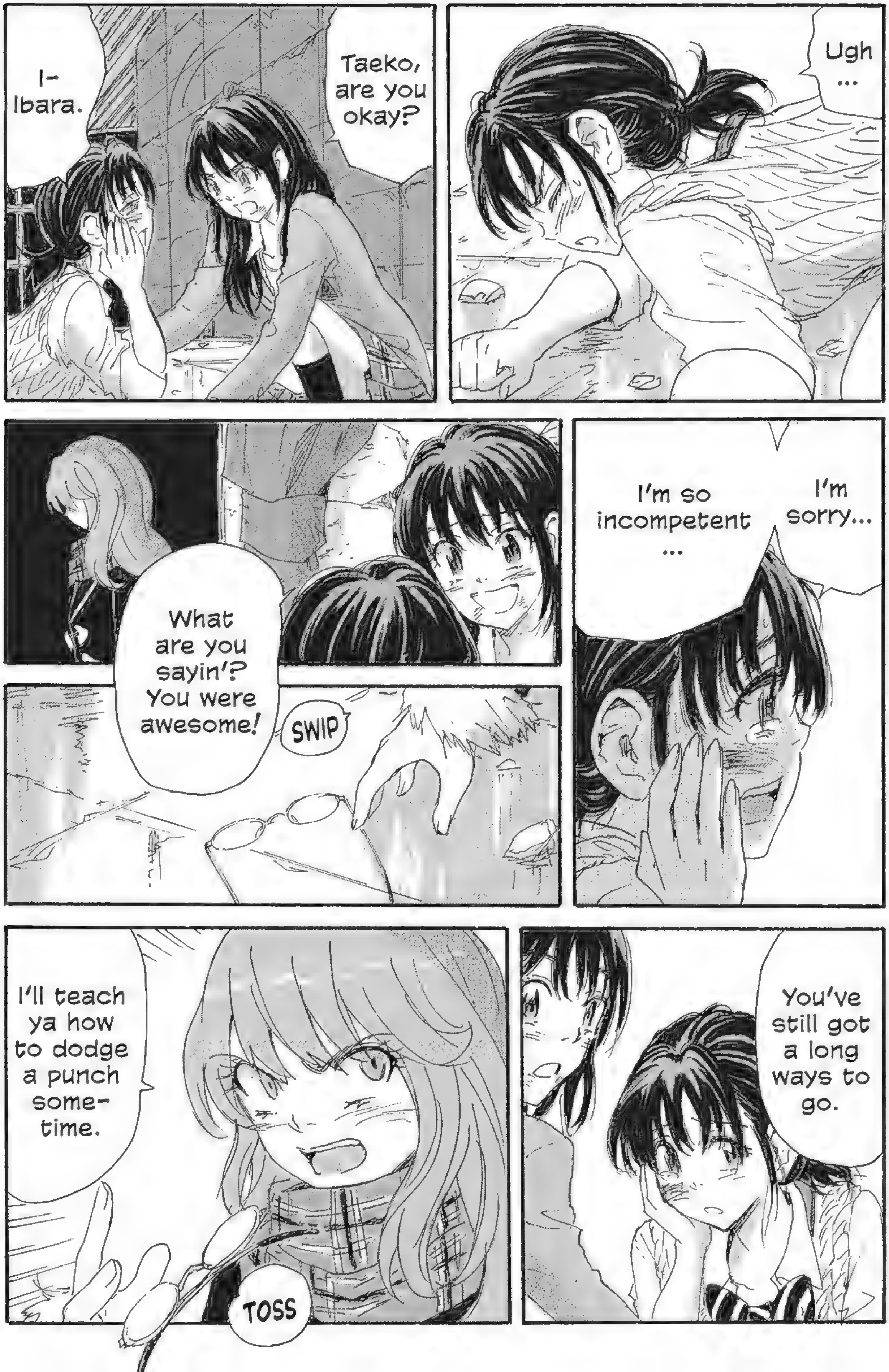

Oof!
WHUD
FWUMP
THUD
I...
FSSSH
Ibara!
?!
FWOOSH
KRAK

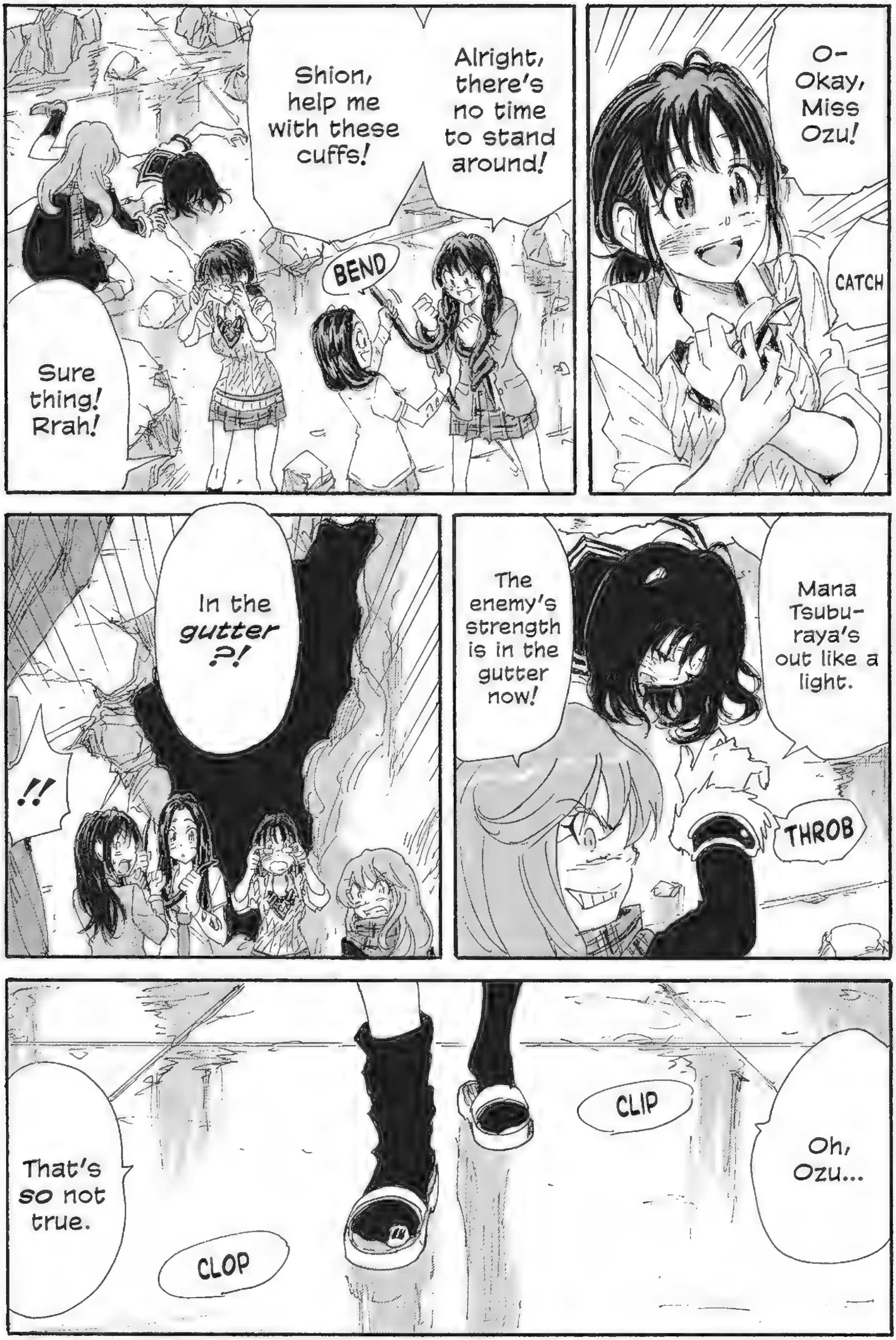

FSSSH
ズザー
FWUMP
ドサッ
Taeko ...!
KRAK
バキ
Farewell, Ibara Naruse.
WHUD
ドガッ
W...
SWISH
サッ
Wait ...!
Dr. Coppelius ...!

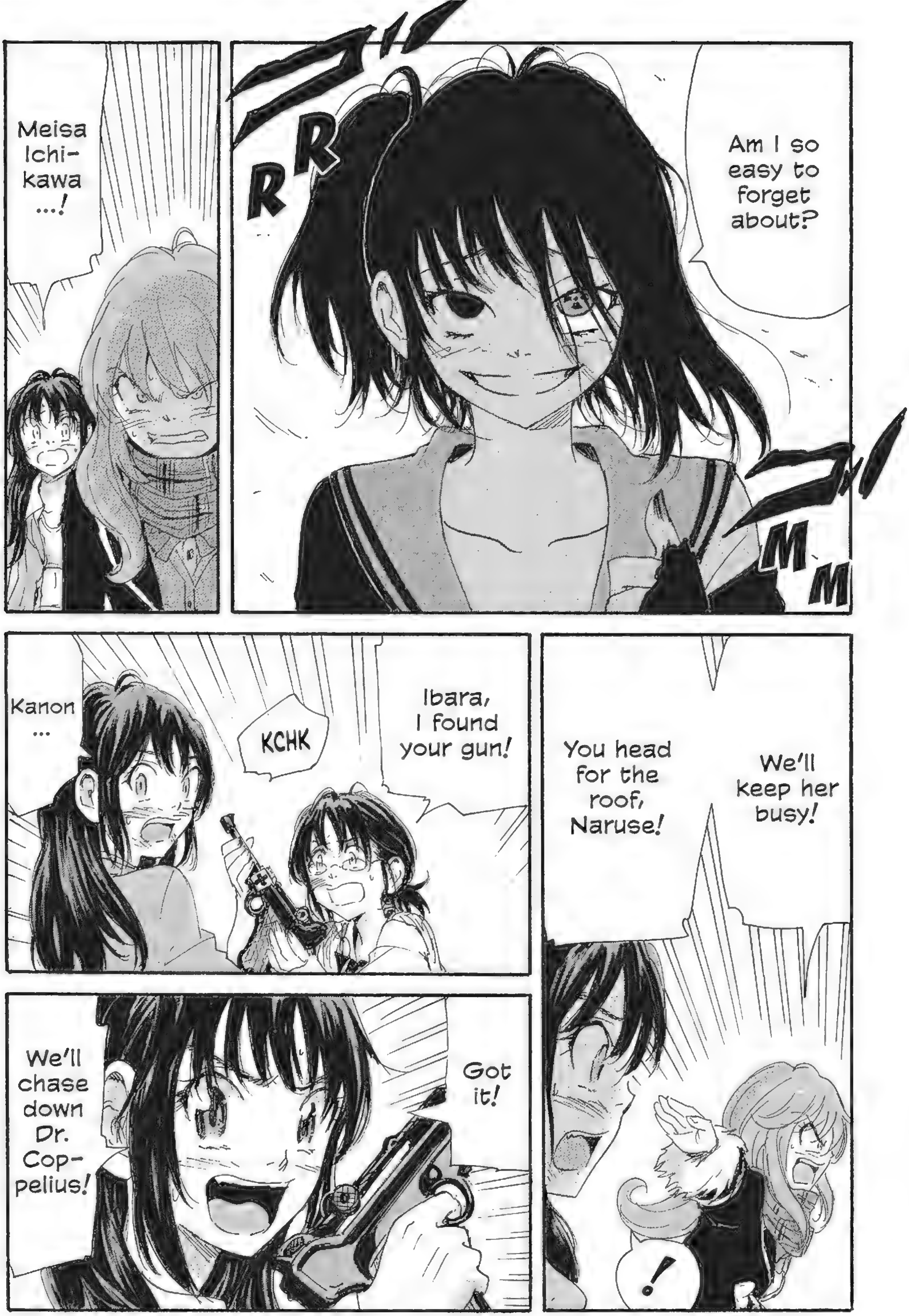

STOMP
?!
Come on, rep, get yourself together!
TWITCH
TWITCH
Can't ya catch one measly old geezer...
CRACKLE
...without us to back you up?
MM
RRI
P-39 END

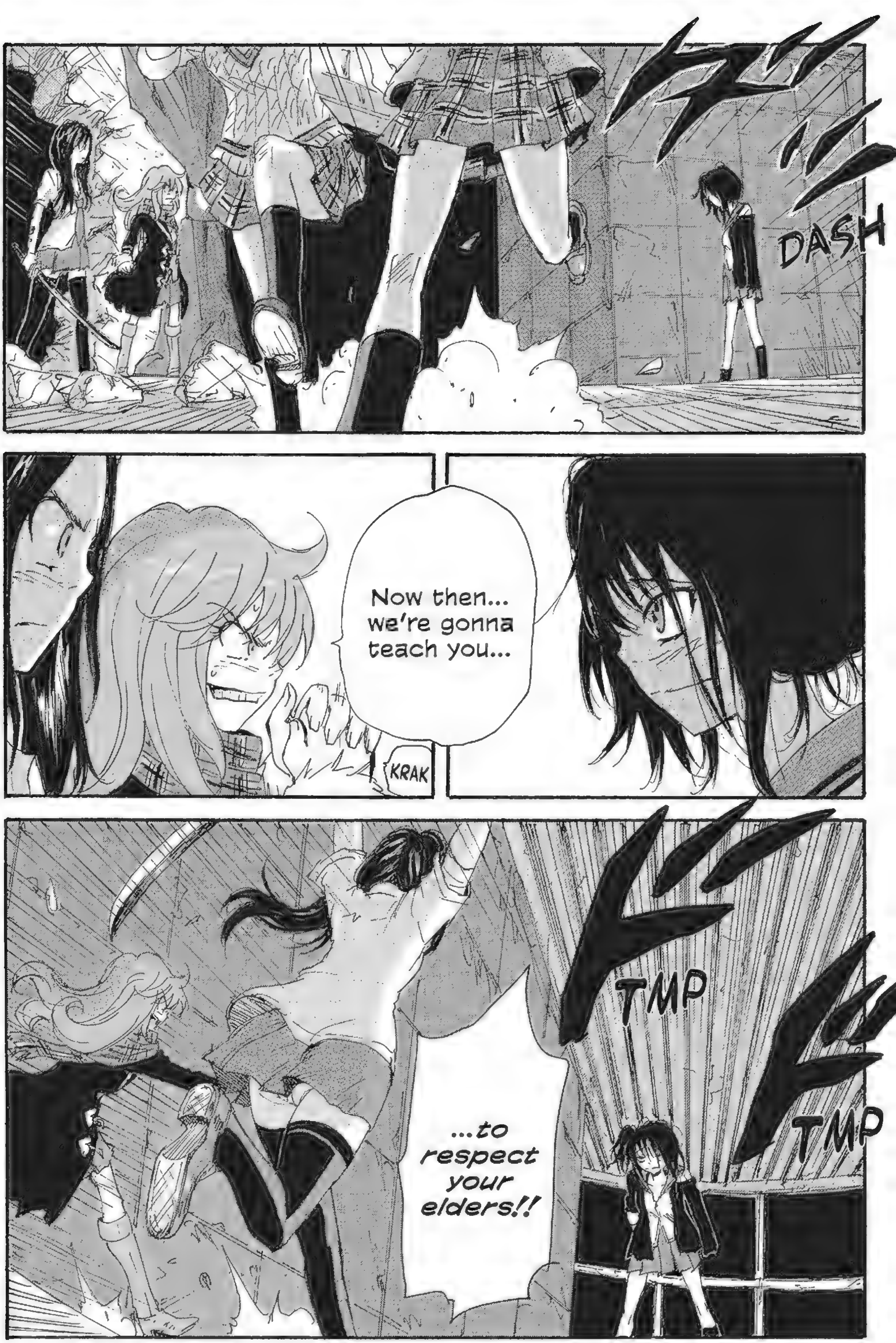

SKY DECK
Dr. Coppelius took Aoi!
He's gonna escape to the skies!
Phase.40 [Clone Original]
HUFF
HUFF
But we're not gonna let him!

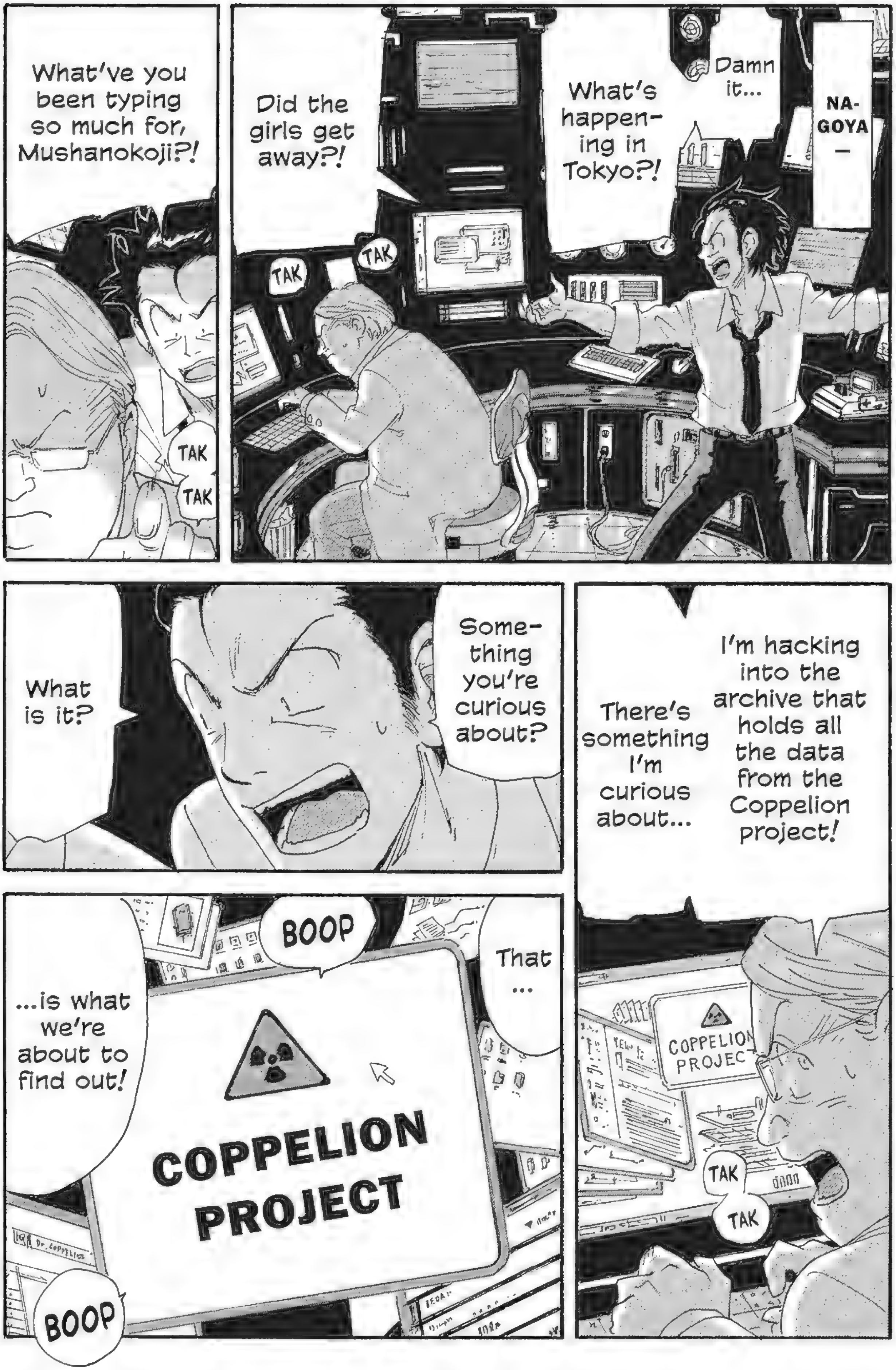

RRRMMM
Let's go...
...to the Sky Deck!

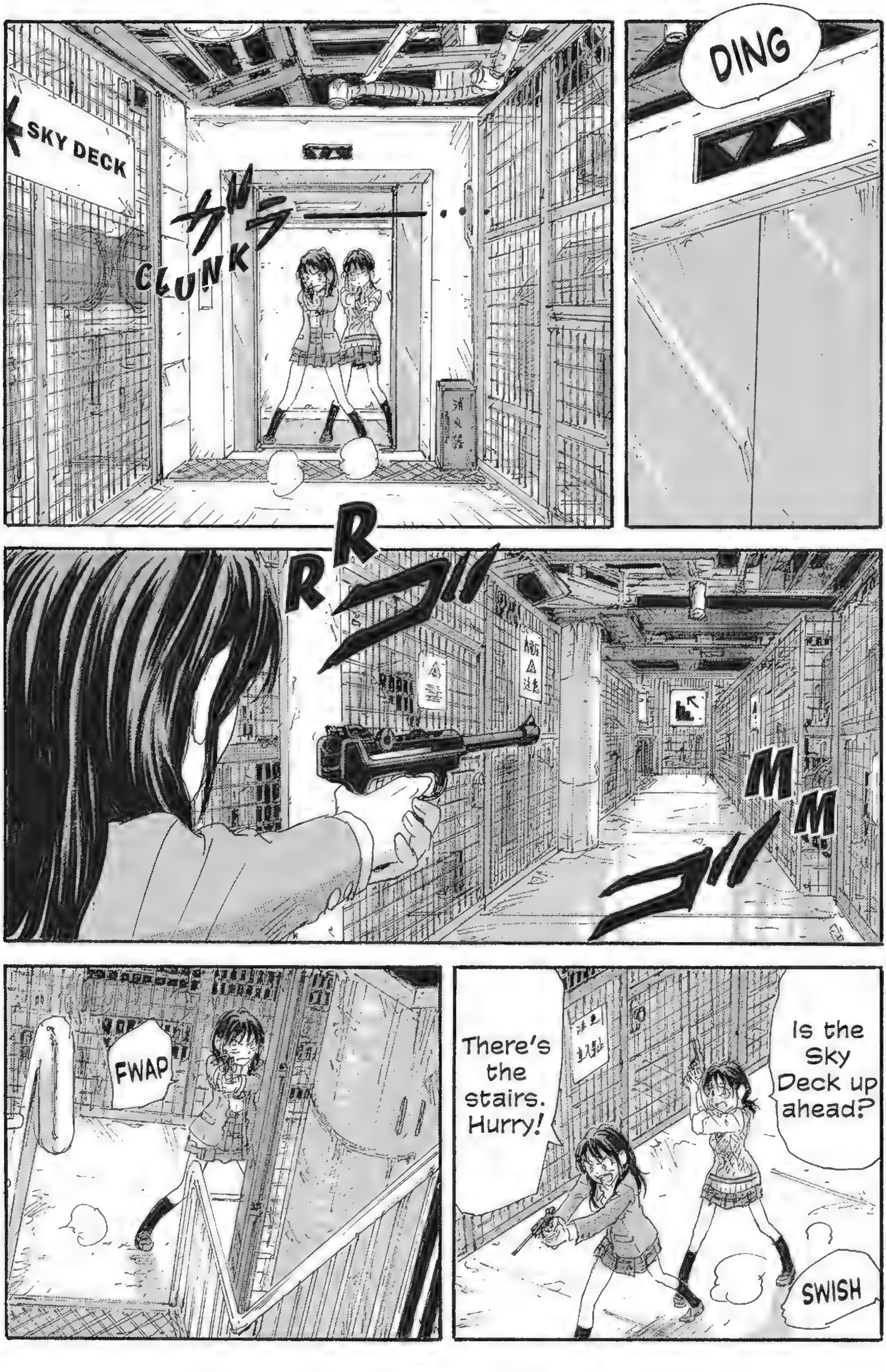

Ugh ...
Taeko, are you okay?
I- Ibara.
I'm sorry...
I'm so incompetent ...
What are you sayin'? You were awesome!
SWIP
You've still got a long ways to go.
I'll teach ya how to dodge a punch sometime.
TOSS

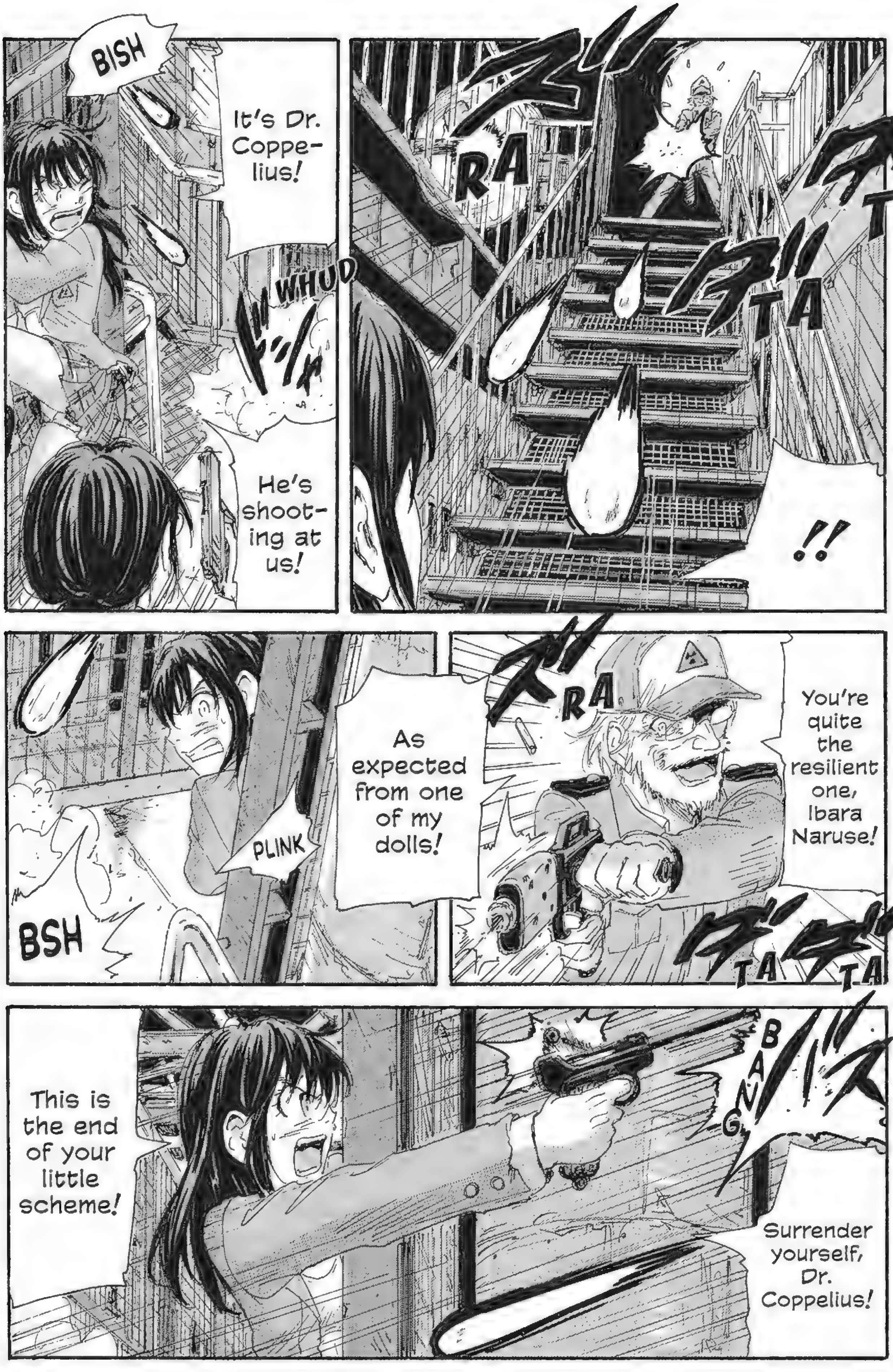

O-Okay, Miss Ozu!
CATCH
Alright, there's no time to stand around!
Shion, help me with these cuffs!
BEND
Sure thing! Rrah!
Mana Tsuburaya's out like a light.
The enemy's strength is in the gutter now!
THROB
In the *gutter* ?!
!!
Oh, Ozu...
CLIP
That's *so* not true.
CLOP

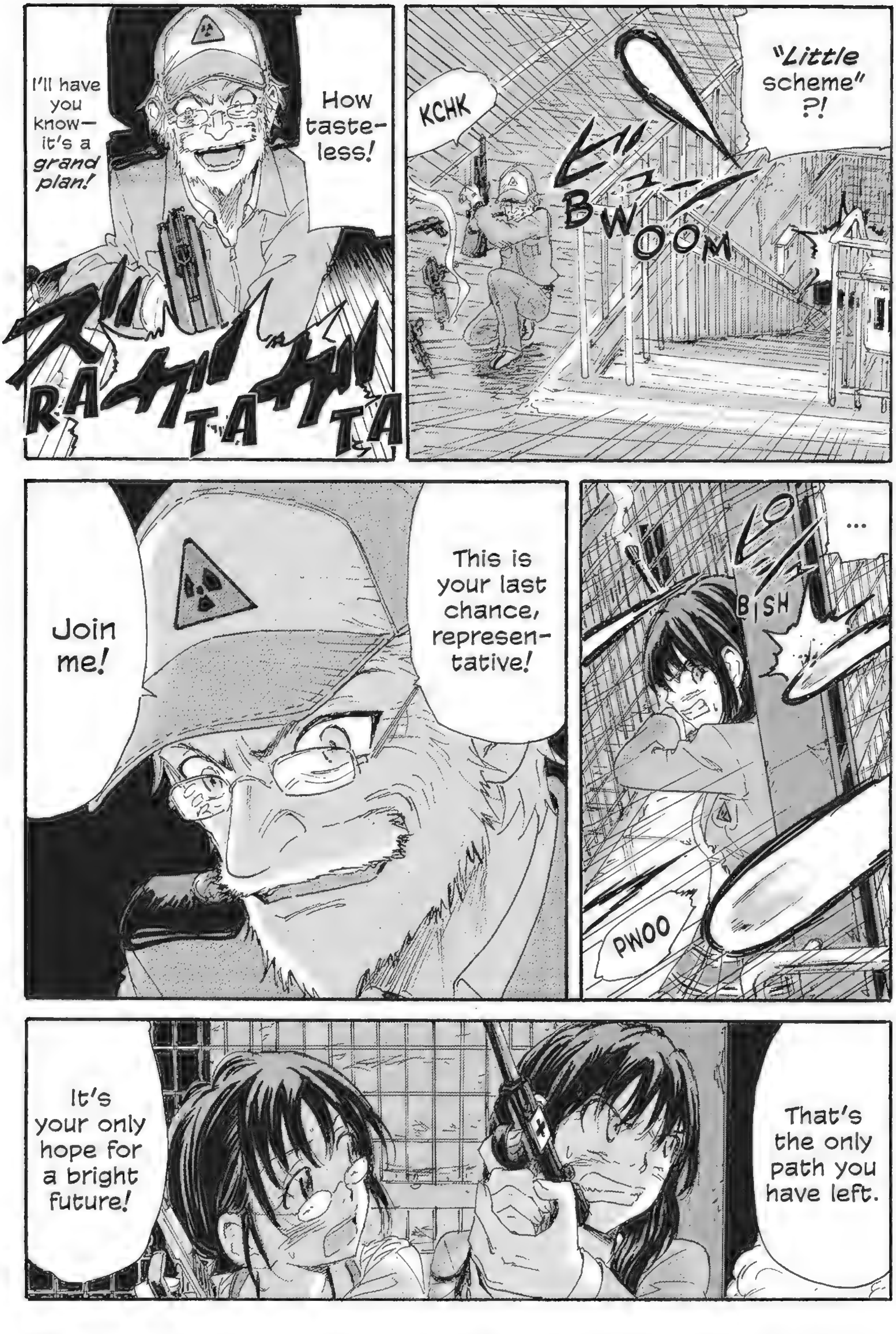

RRR
Am I so easy to forget about?
MM
Meisa Ichikawa...!
We'll keep her busy!
You head for the roof, Naruse!
Ibara, I found your gun!
KCHK
Kanon...
Got it!
We'll chase down Dr. Coppelius!
!

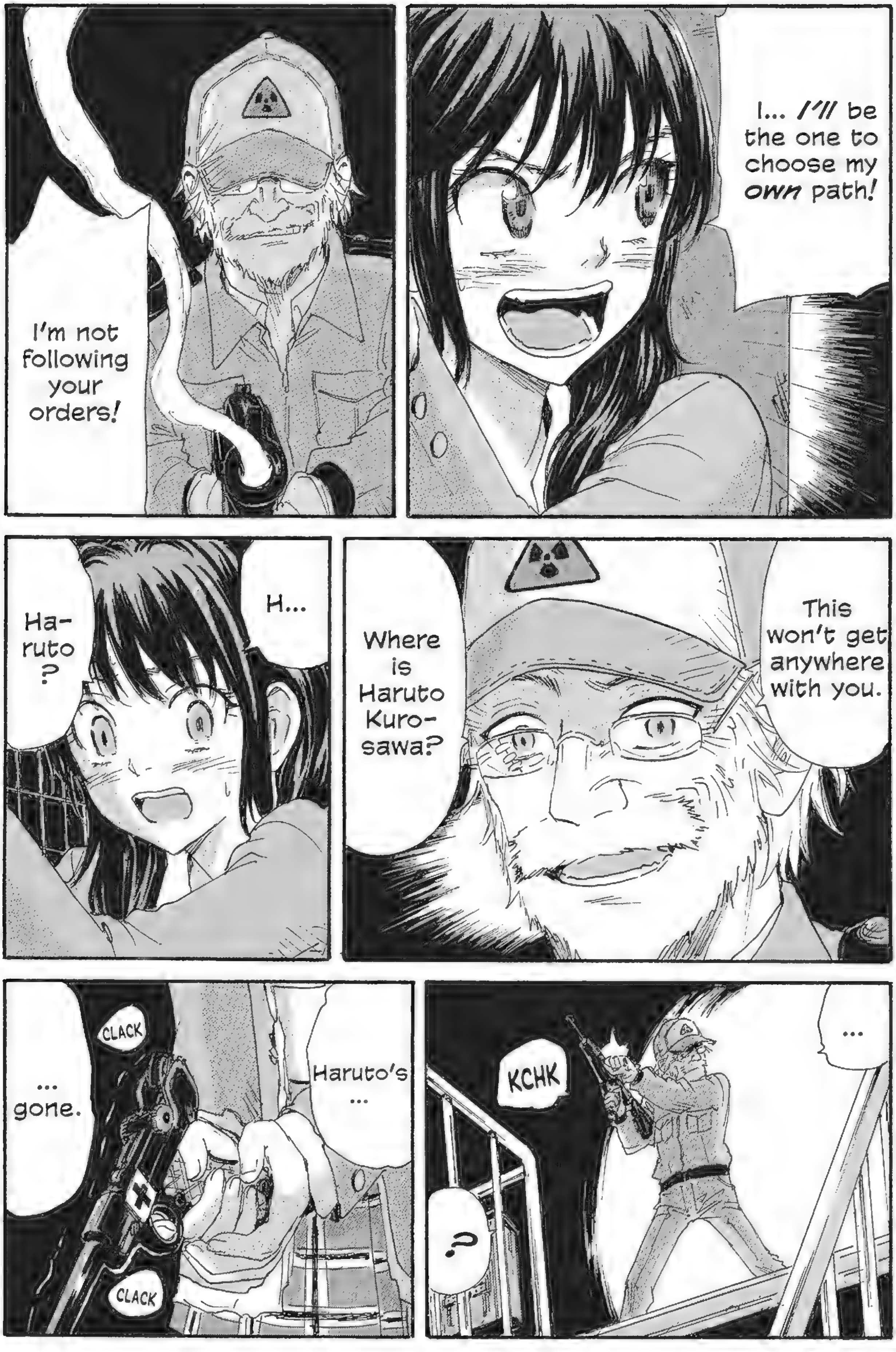

DASH
Now then... we're gonna teach you...
KRAK
TMP
TMP
...to respect your elders!!

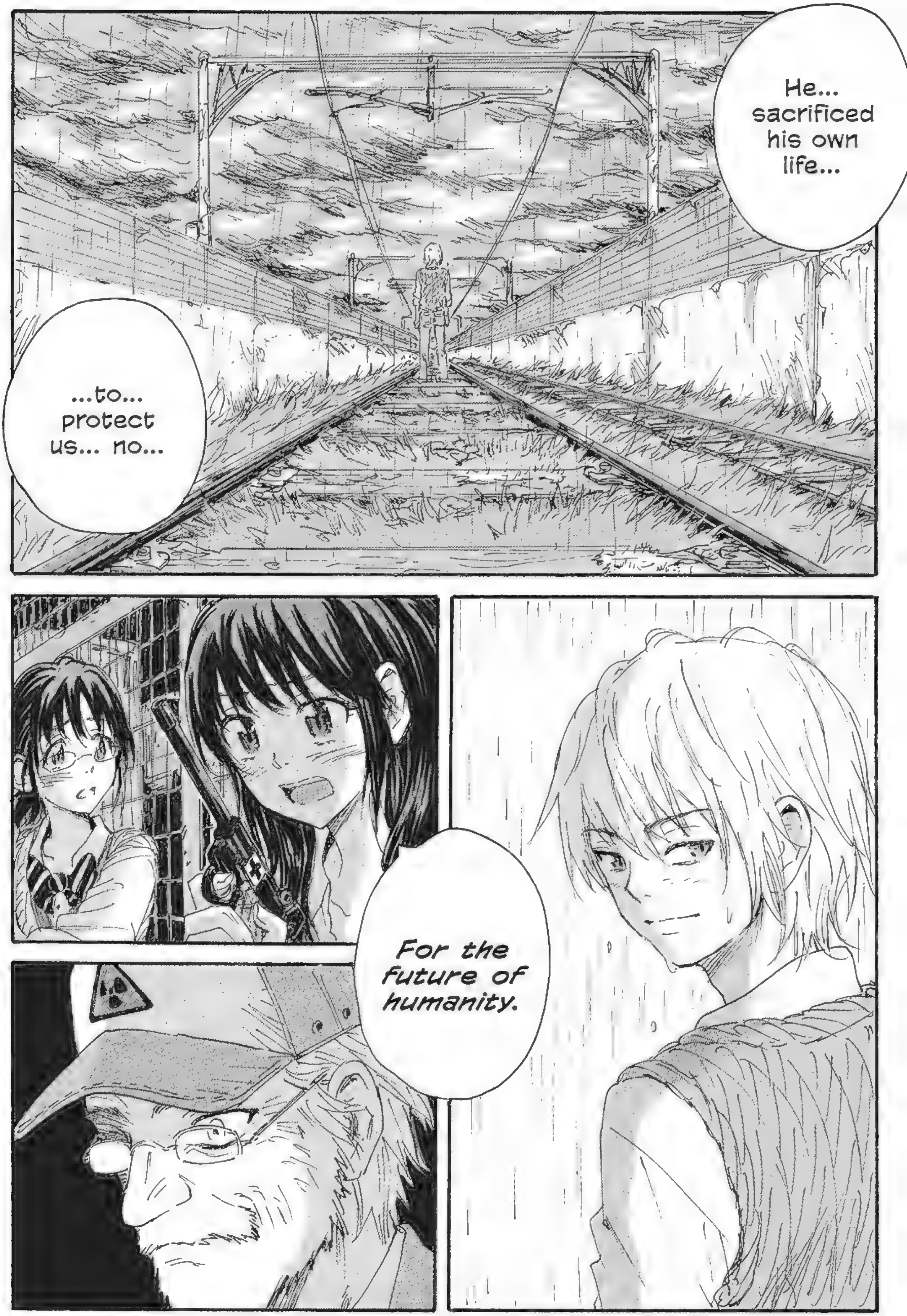

NA-GOYA —
Damn it...
What's happening in Tokyo?!
Did the girls get away?!
TAK
TAK
What've you been typing so much for, Mushanokoji?!
TAK
TAK
I'm hacking into the archive that holds all the data from the Coppelion project!
There's something I'm curious about...
COPPELION PROJEC
TAK
TAK
Something you're curious about?
What is it?
That...
BOOP
...is what we're about to find out!
COPPELION PROJECT
BOOP

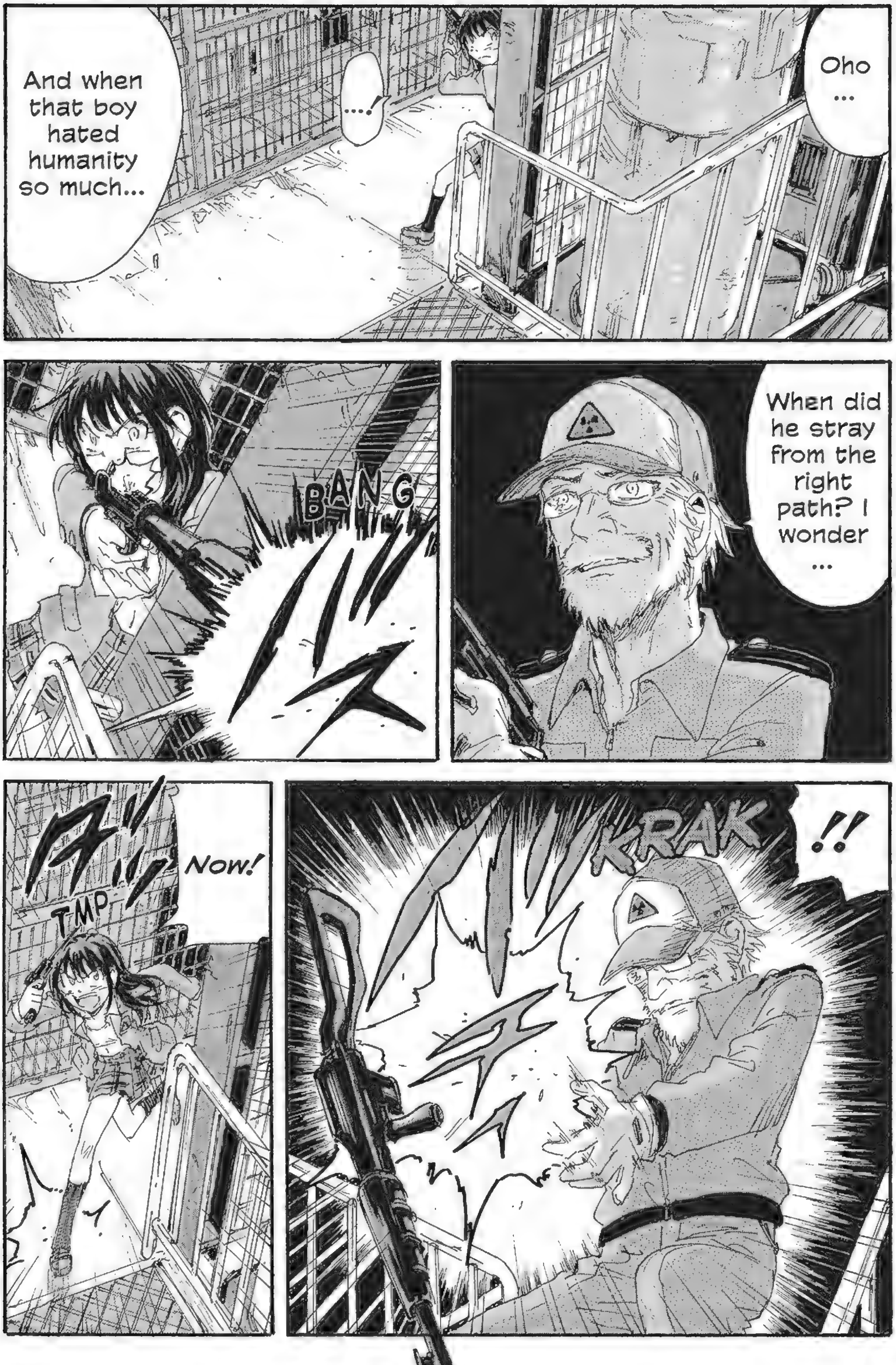

DING
SKY DECK
ガラ——…
CLUNK
RR ゴ!!
MM ゴ!!
Is the Sky Deck up ahead?
There's the stairs. Hurry!
SWISH
FWAP

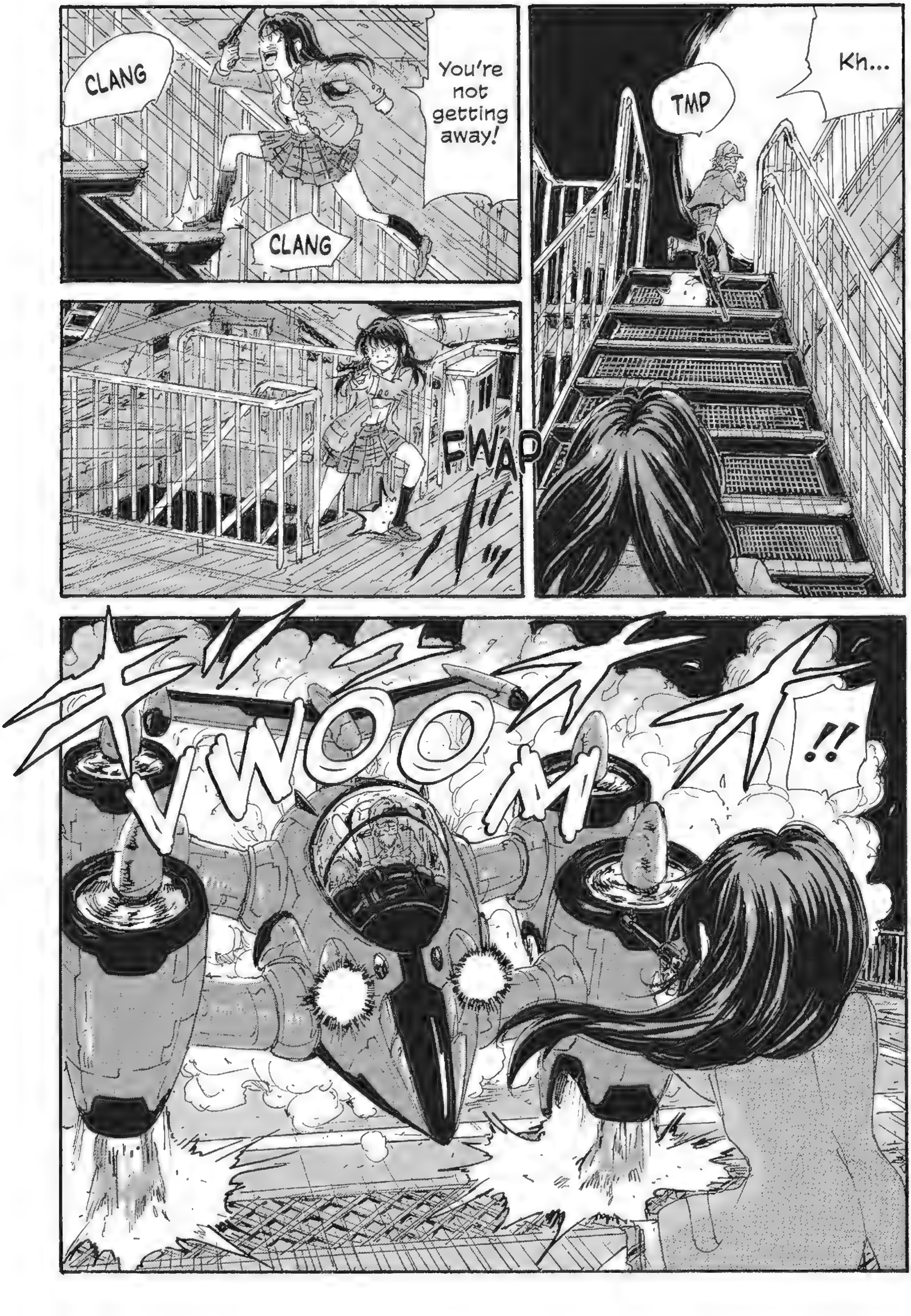

RA
TA
TA
!!
BISH
It's Dr. Coppelius!
WHUD
He's shooting at us!
RA
You're quite the resilient one, Ibara Naruse!
As expected from one of my dolls!
TA
TA
PLINK
BSH
BANG
This is the end of your little scheme!
Surrender yourself, Dr. Coppelius!

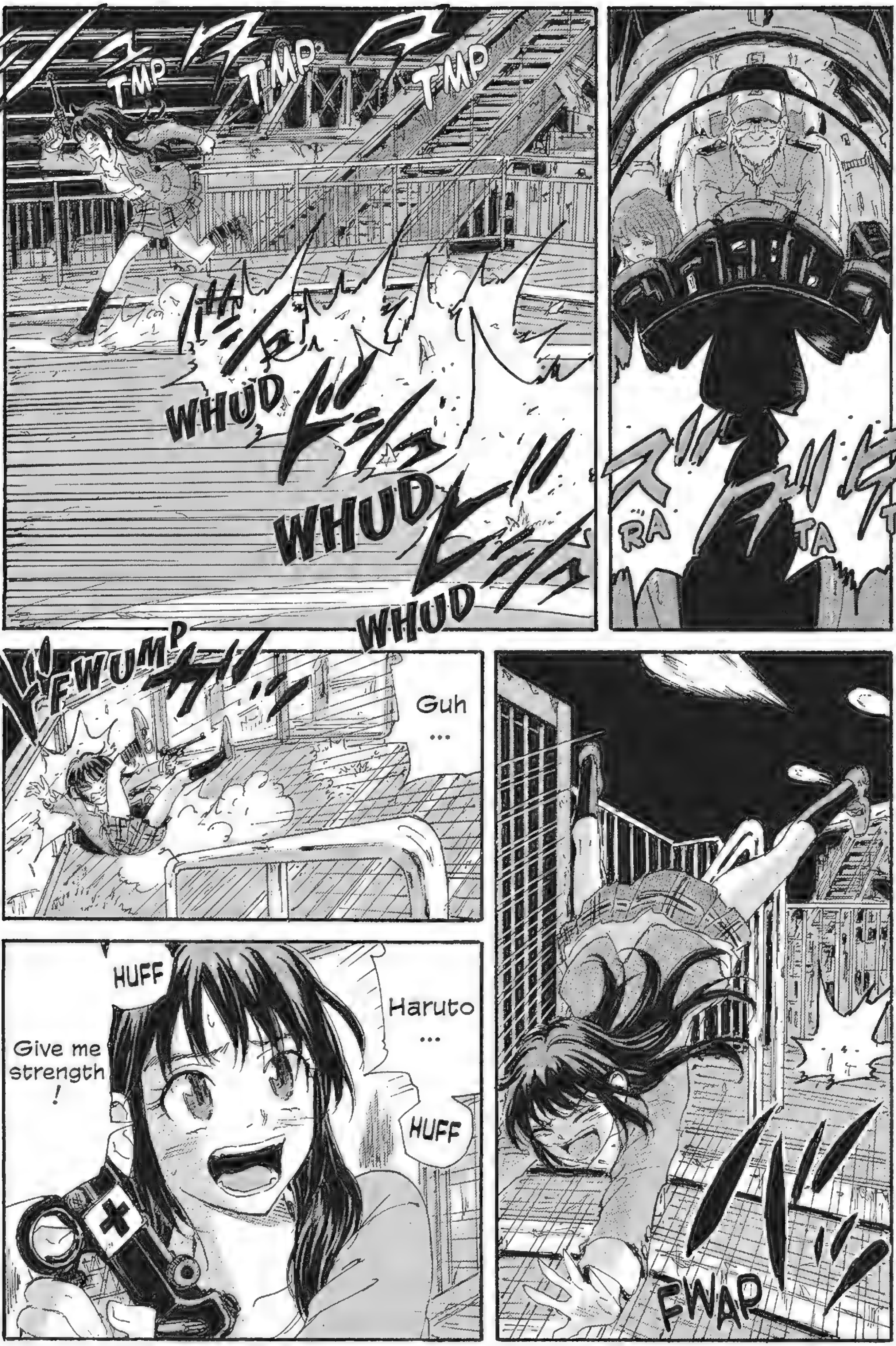

"Little scheme"?!
KCHK
BWOOM
How tasteless!
I'll have you know—it's a *grand plan!*
RATATATA
...
BISH
PWOO
This is your last chance, representative!
Join me!
That's the only path you have left.
It's your only hope for a bright future!

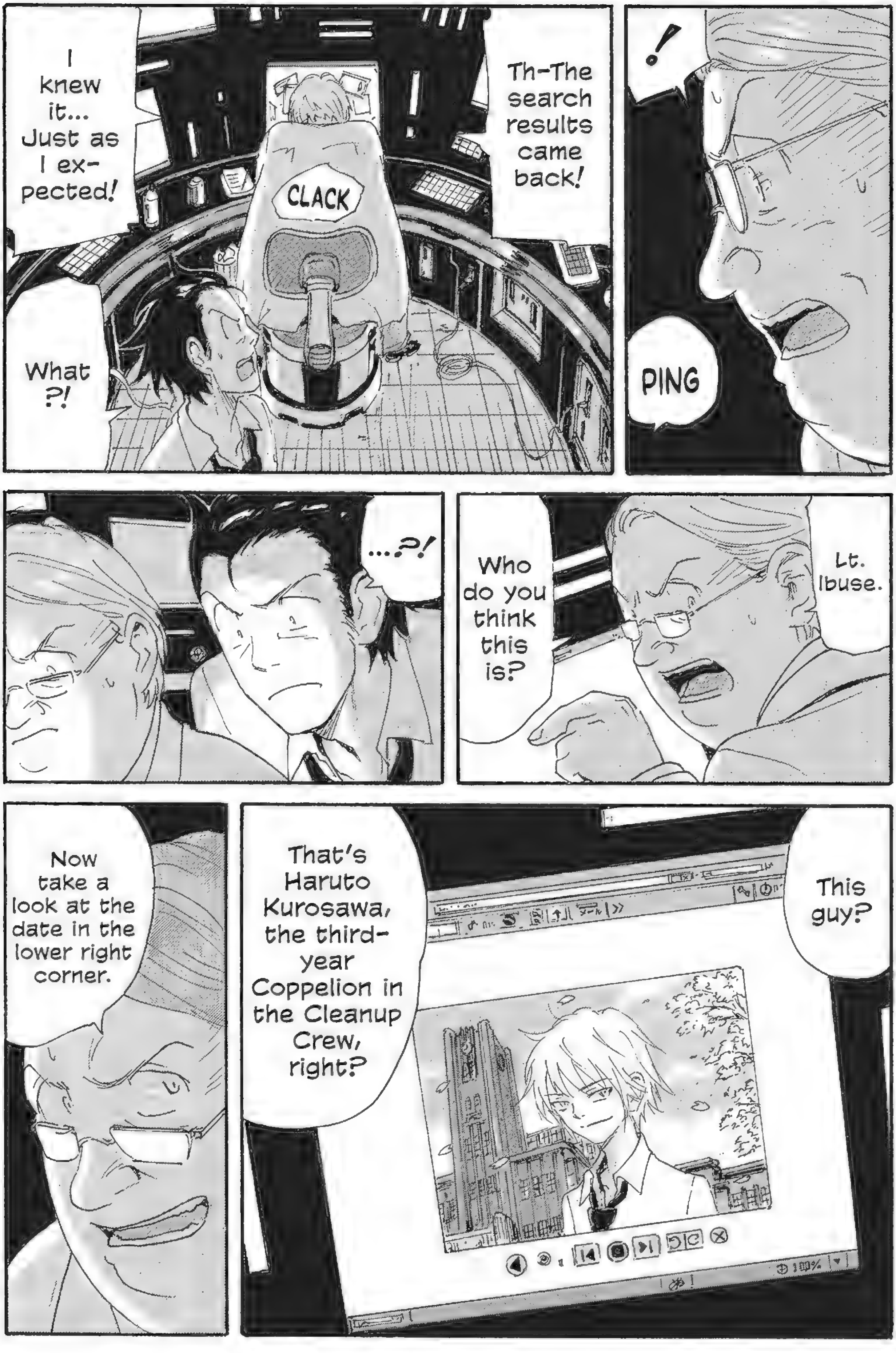

I... *I'll* be the one to choose my *own* path!
I'm not following your orders!
This won't get anywhere with you.
Where is Haruto Kurosawa?
H...
Haruto?
KCHK
...
?
CLACK
Haruto's ...
... gone.
CLACK

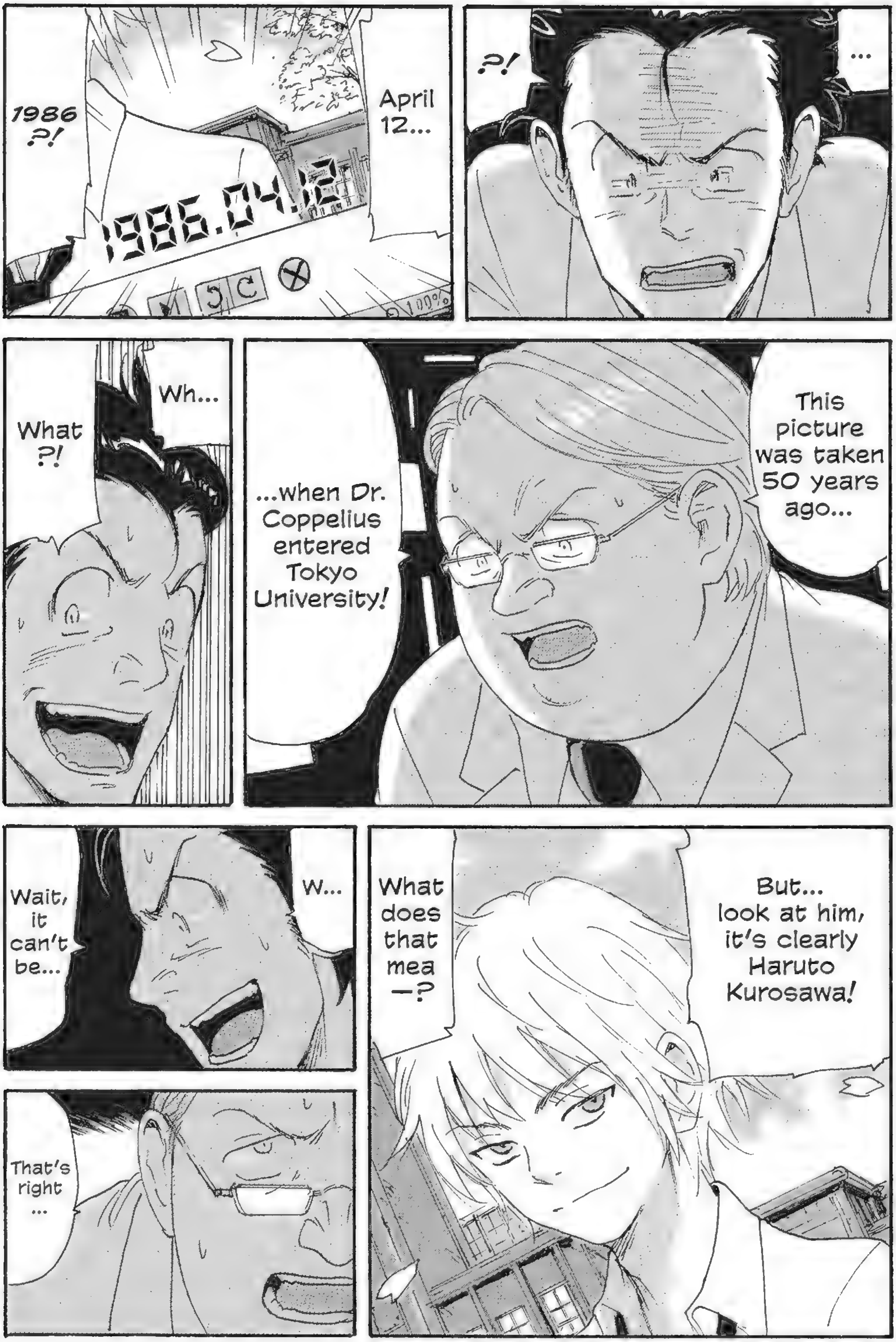

He... sacrificed his own life...
...to... protect us... no...
For the future of humanity.

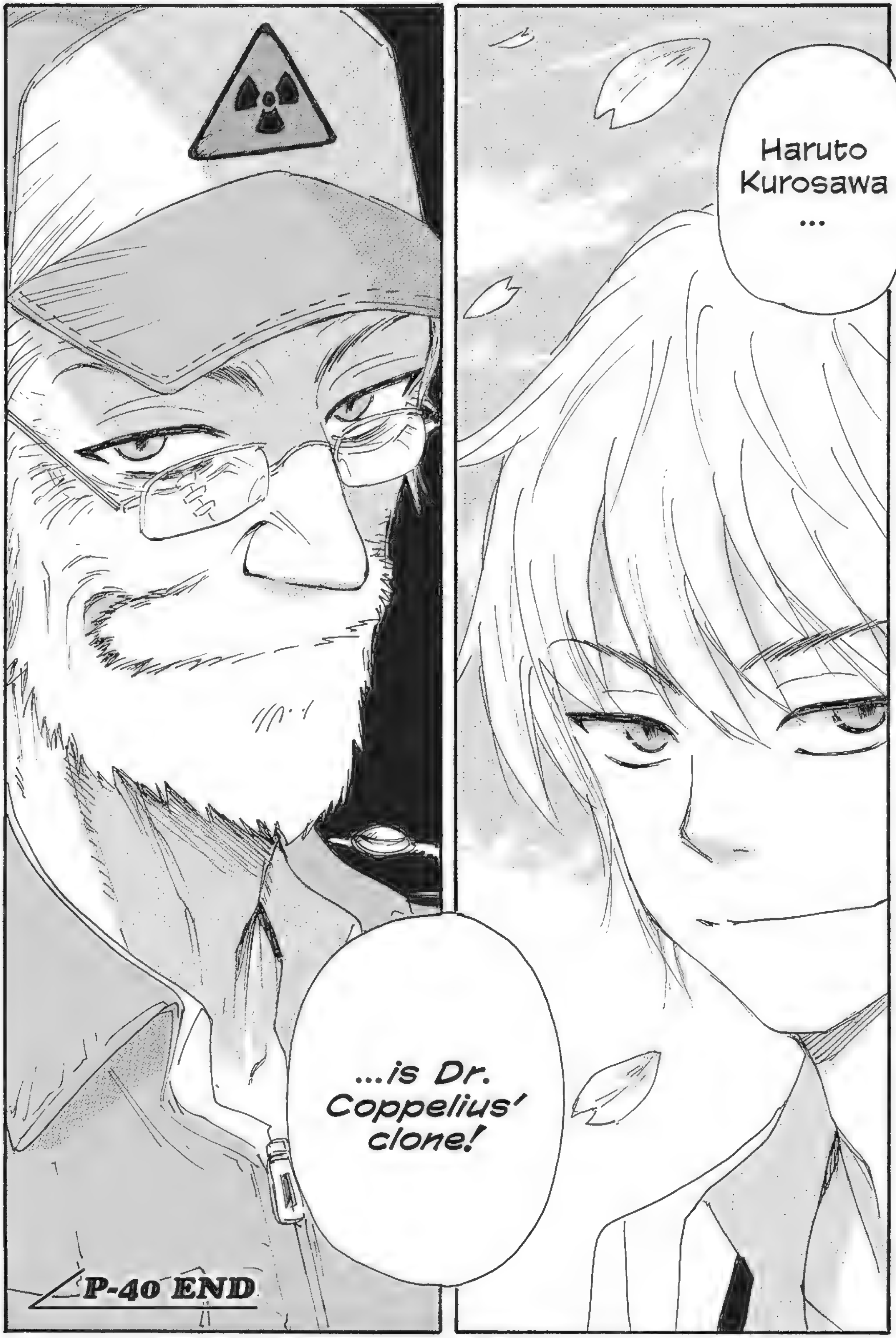

Oho ...
....!
And when that boy hated humanity so much...
When did he stray from the right path? I wonder ...
BANG
KRAK!!
Now!
TMP


CLANG
You're not getting away!
CLANG
FWAP
TMP
Kh...
VWOOM!!

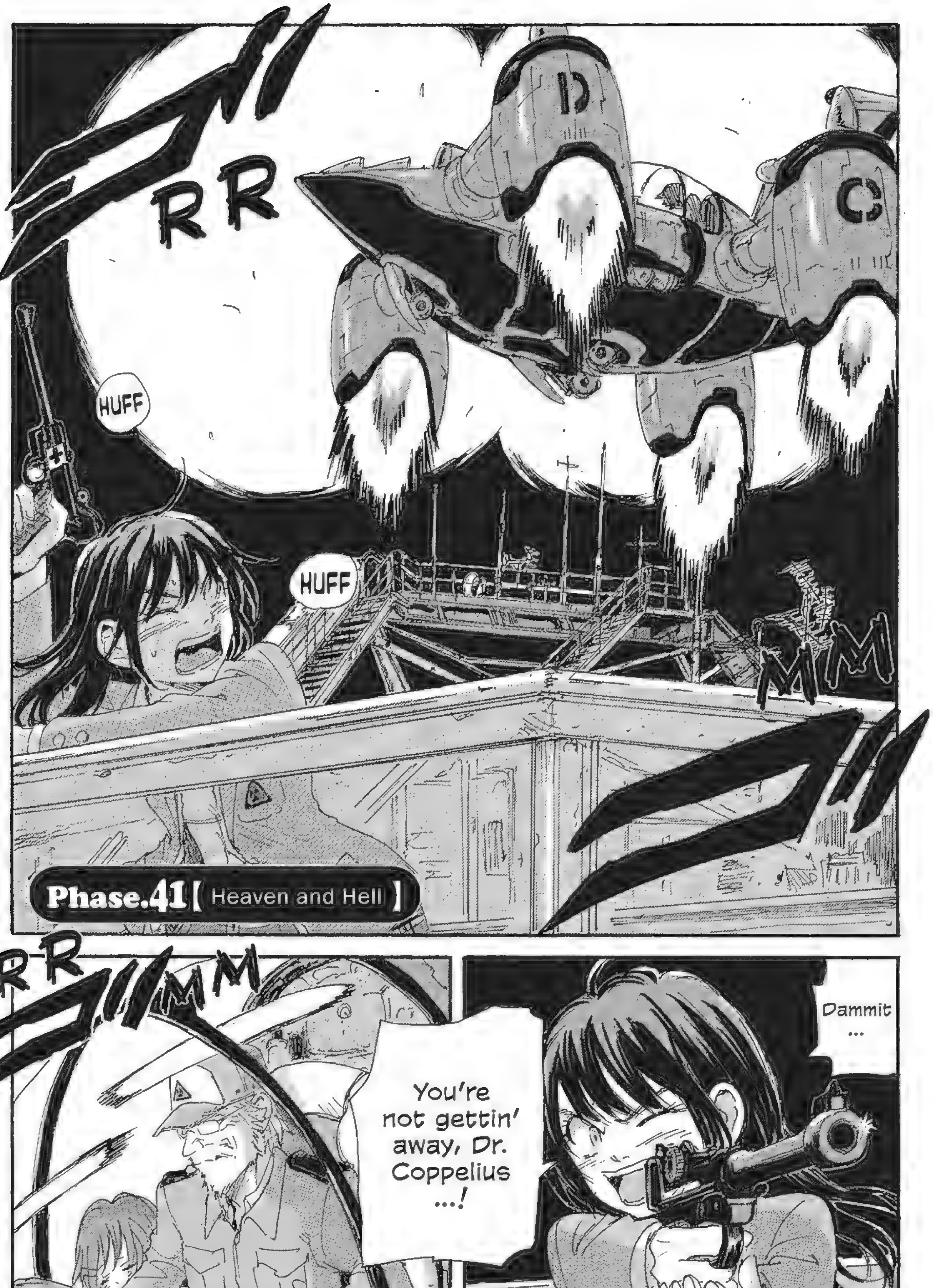

RA TA TA
TMP TMP TMP
WHUD
WHUD
WHUD
FWAP
FWUMP
Guh ...
Haruto ...
HUFF
HUFF
Give me strength !

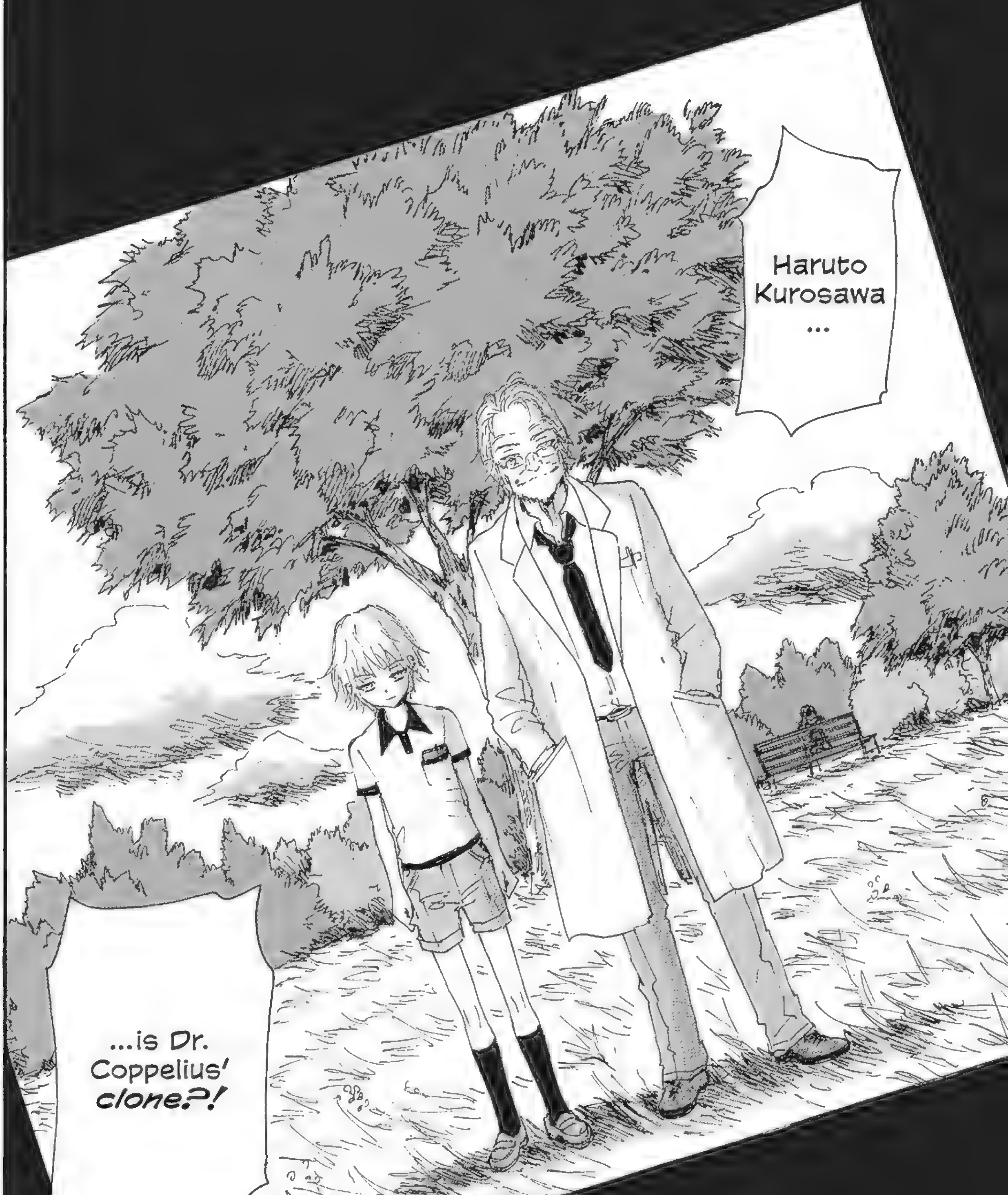

!
PING
Th-The search results came back!
CLACK
I knew it... Just as I expected!
What ?!
Lt. Ibuse.
Who do you think this is?
...?!
This guy?
That's Haruto Kurosawa, the third-year Coppelion in the Cleanup Crew, right?
Now take a look at the date in the lower right corner.

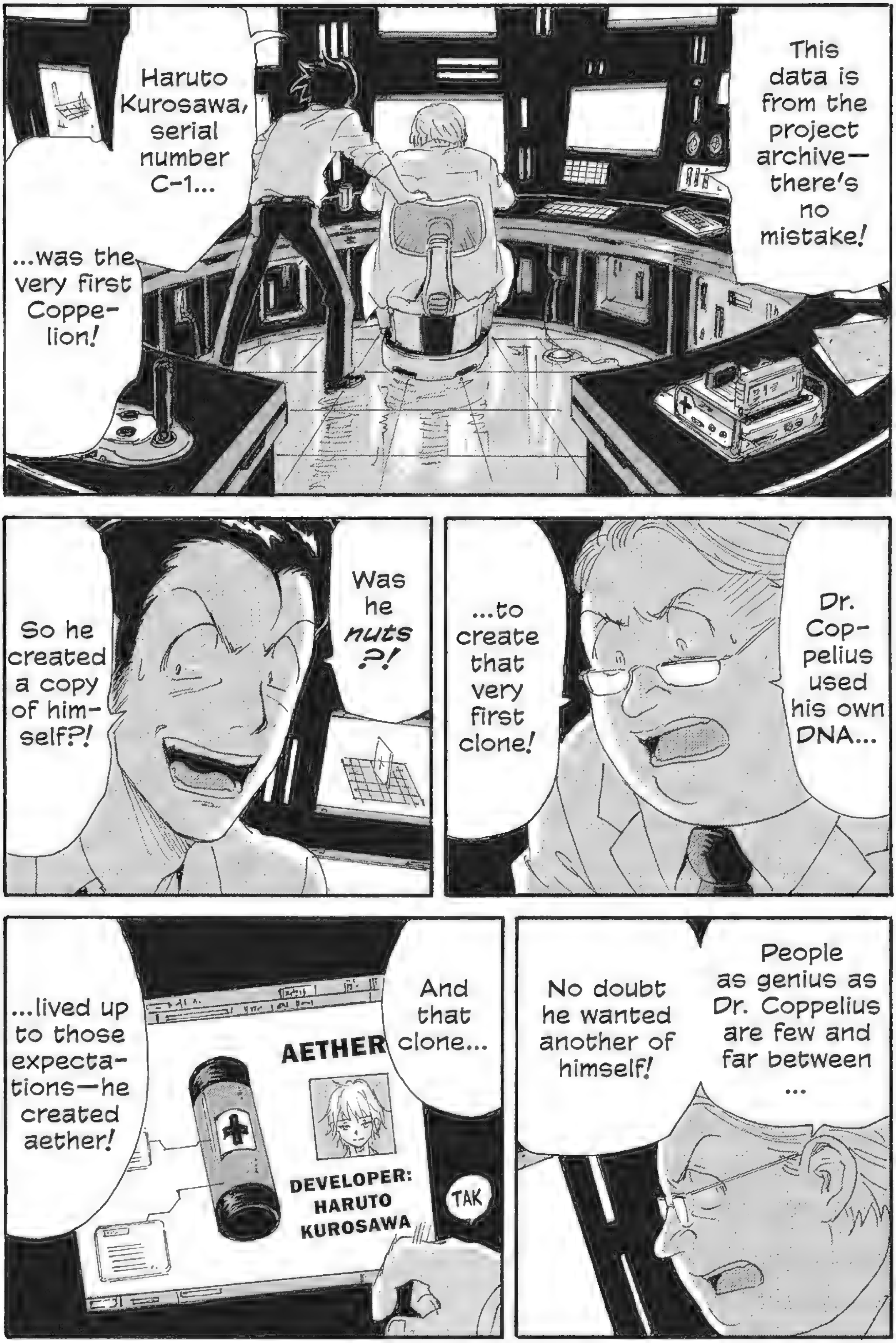

...
?!
April 12...
1986 ?!
1986.04.12
100%
This picture was taken 50 years ago...
...when Dr. Coppelius entered Tokyo University!
Wh...
What ?!
But... look at him, it's clearly Haruto Kurosawa!
What does that mea—?
W...
Wait, it can't be...
That's right...

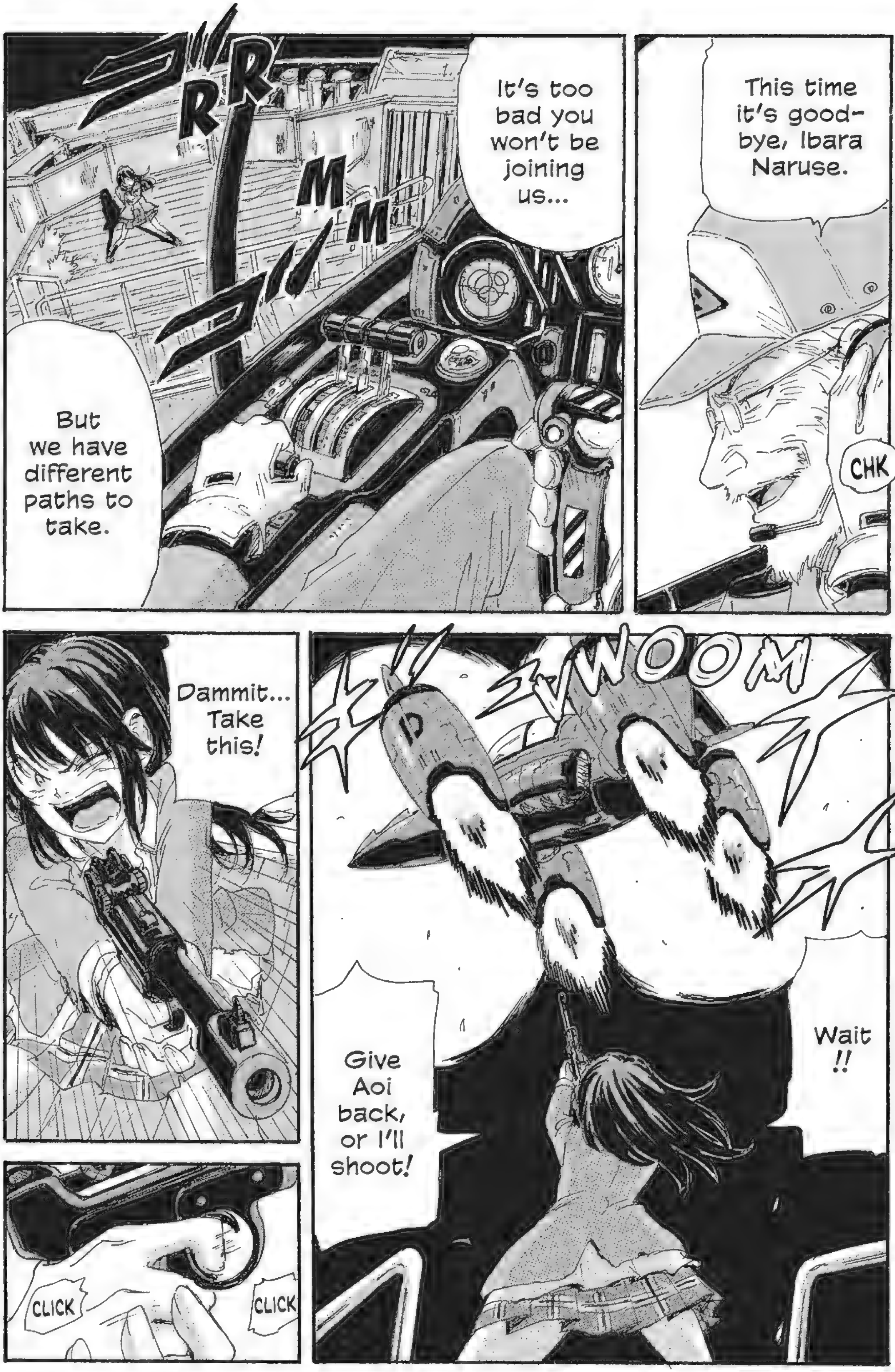

Haruto Kurosawa ...
...is Dr. Coppelius' clone!
P-40 END

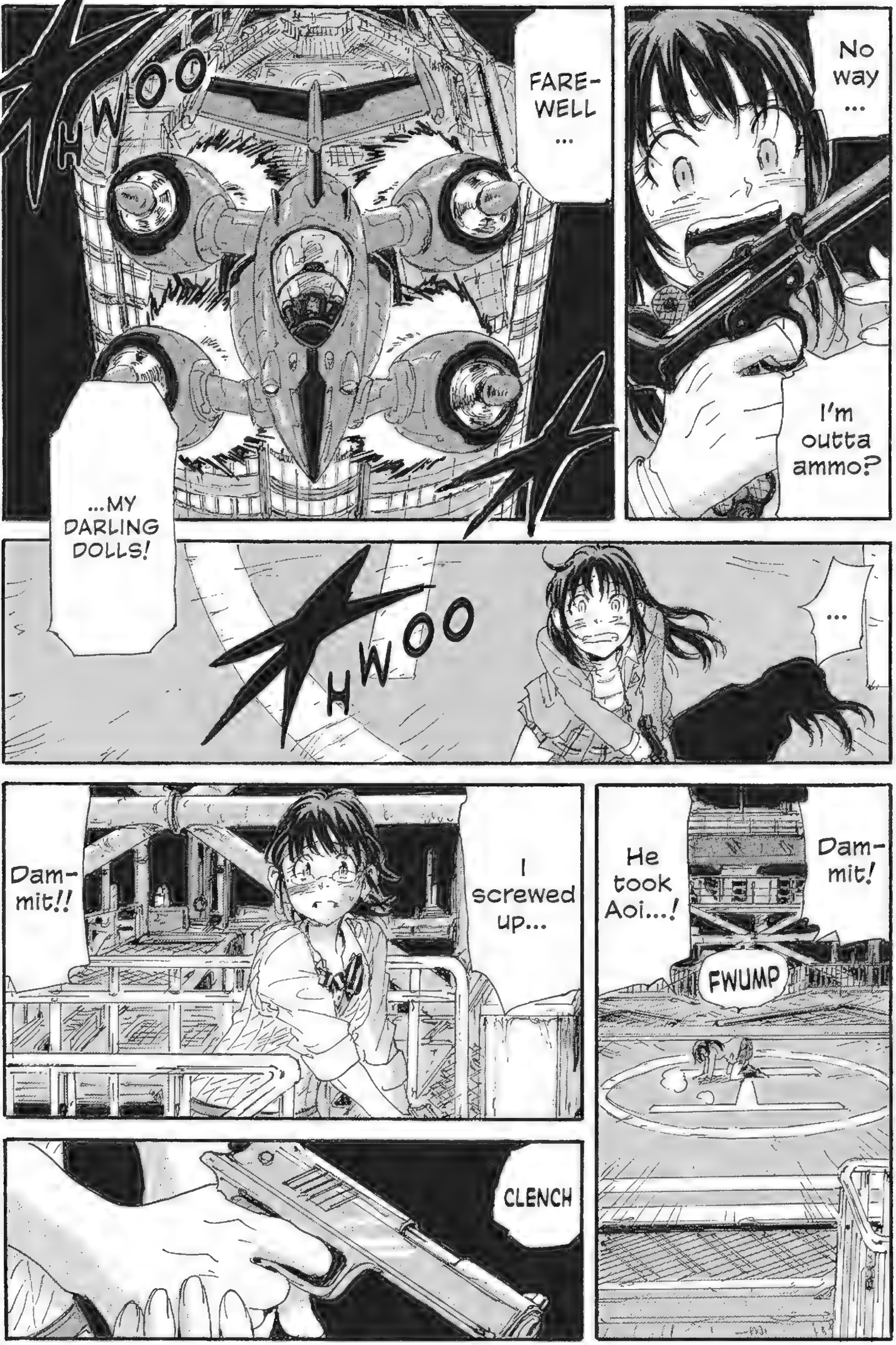
Phase.41 [Heaven and Hell]

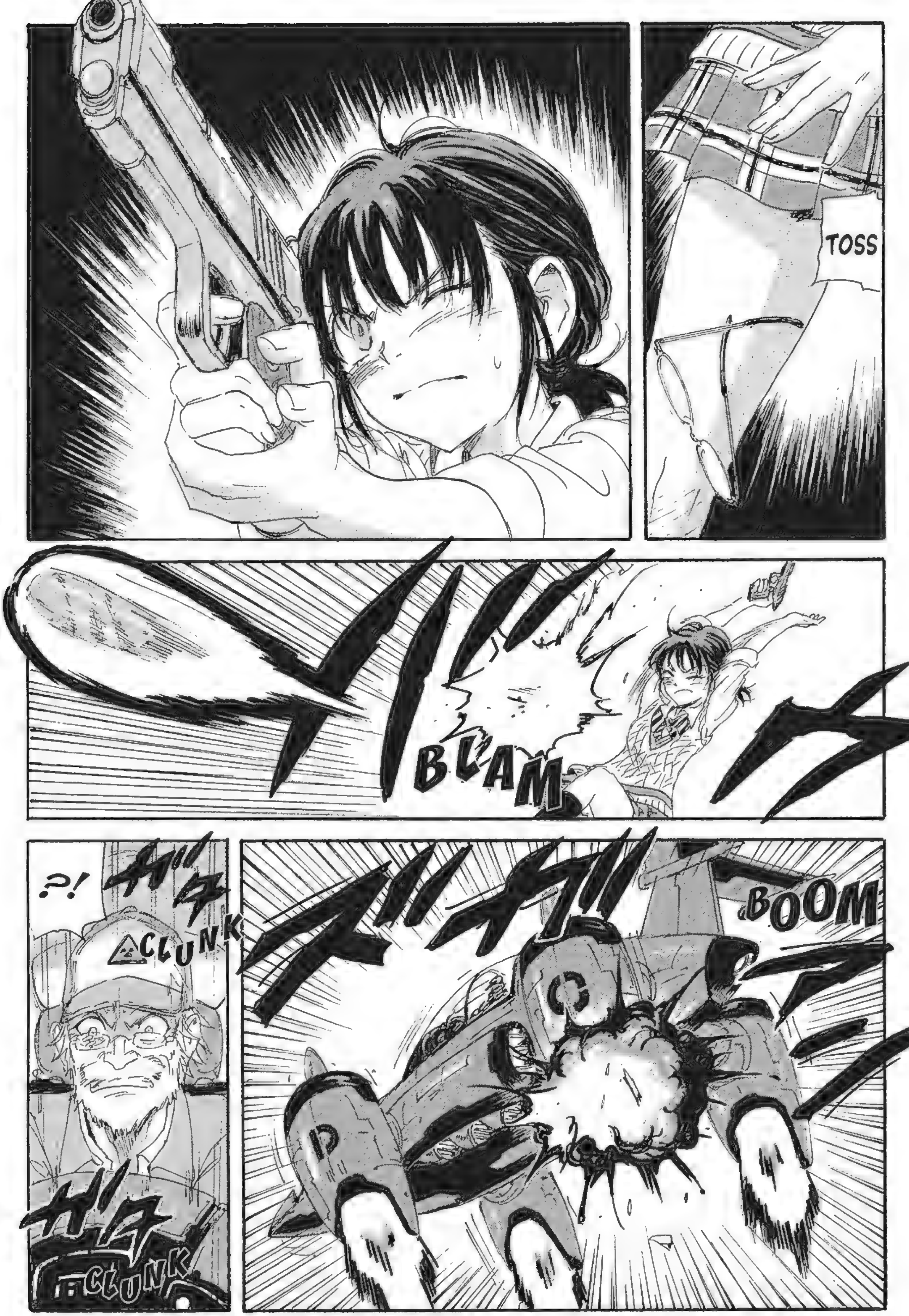

RR
HUFF
HUFF
MM
Dammit ...
You're not gettin' away, Dr. Coppelius ...!
RR
MM

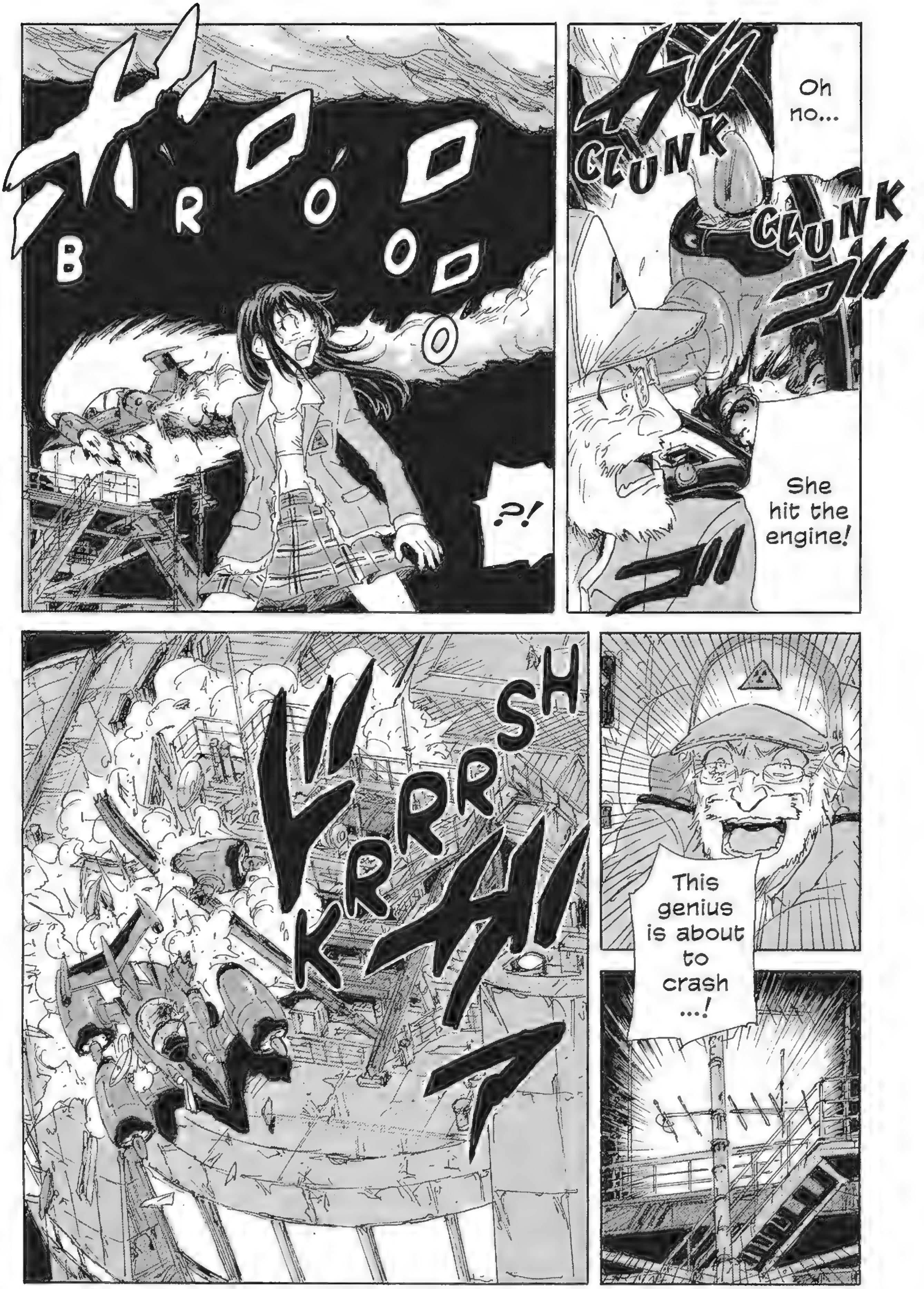

Haruto Kurosawa ...
...is Dr. Coppelius' *clone?!*

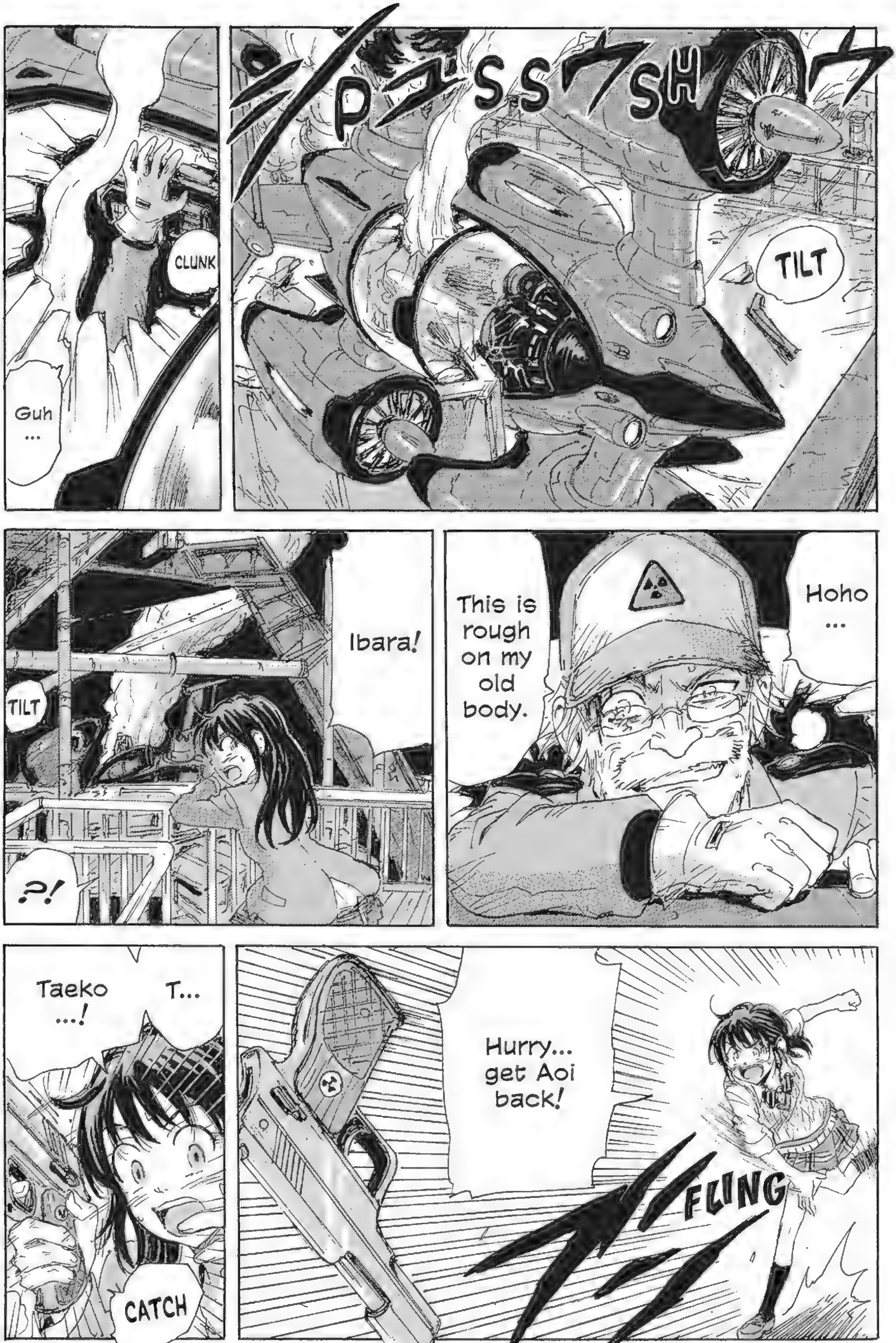

This data is from the project archive—there's no mistake!
Haruto Kurosawa, serial number C-1...
...was the very first Coppelion!
Dr. Coppelius used his own DNA...
...to create that very first clone!
Was he *nuts*?!
So he created a copy of himself?!
People as genius as Dr. Coppelius are few and far between...
No doubt he wanted another of himself!
And that clone...
AETHER
DEVELOPER: HARUTO KUROSAWA
TAK
...lived up to those expectations—he created aether!

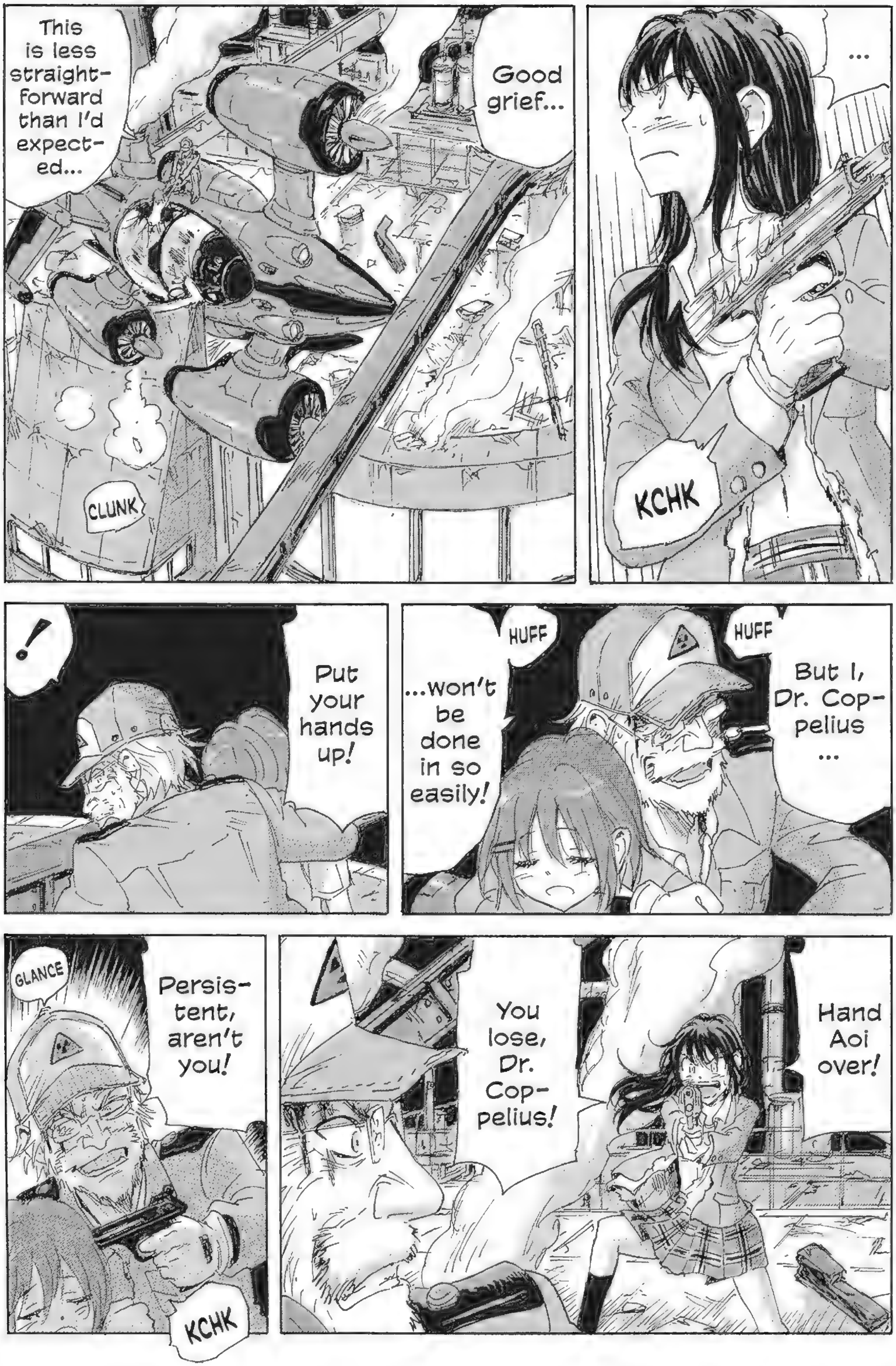

This time it's good-bye, Ibara Naruse.
CHK
It's too bad you won't be joining us...
But we have different paths to take.
RRMM
WOOM
Wait!!
Give Aoi back, or I'll shoot!
Dammit... Take this!
CLICK
CLICK

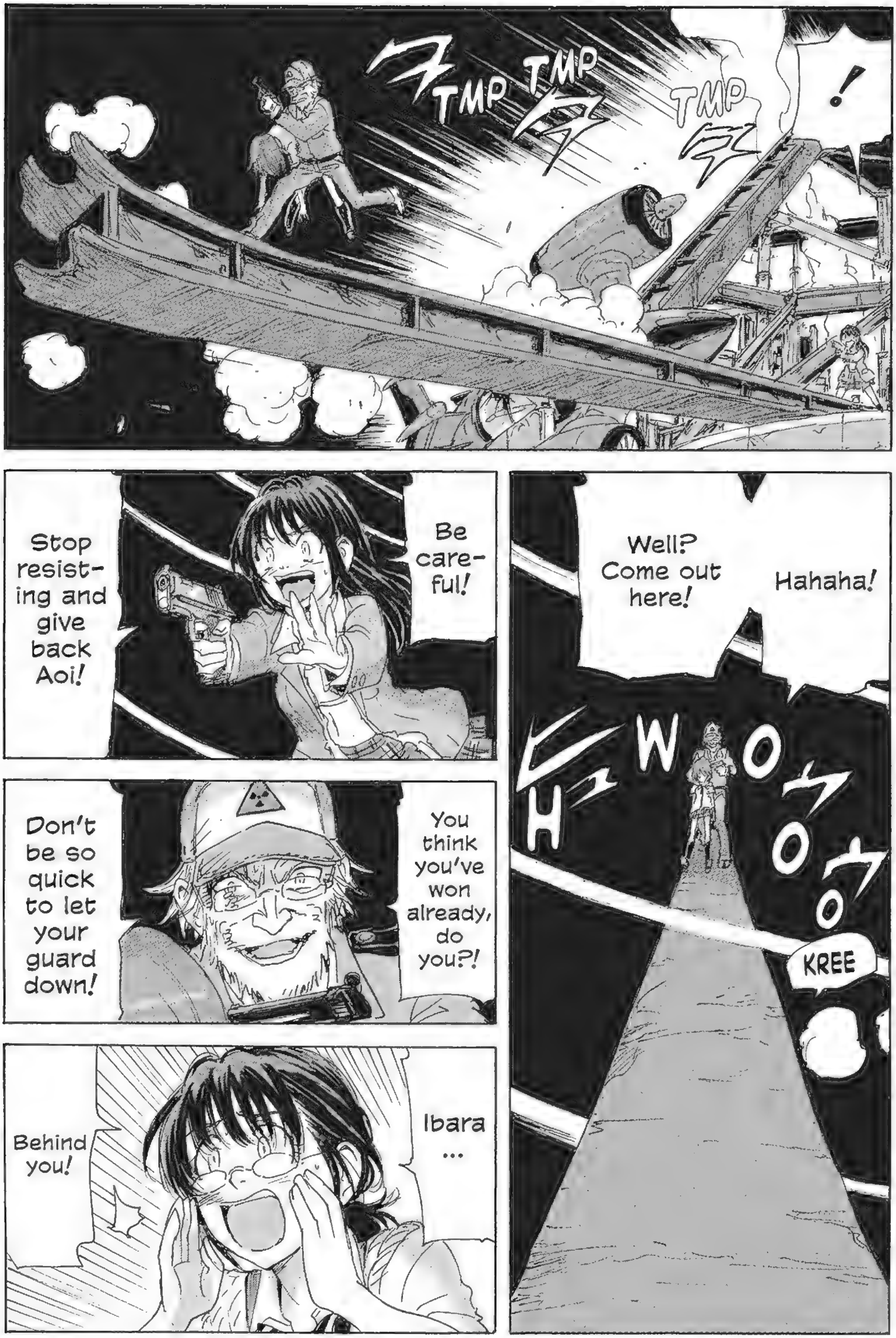

No way ...
I'm outta ammo?
FARE-WELL ...
HWOO
...MY DARLING DOLLS!
...
HWOO
Dam-mit!
He took Aoi...!
FWUMP
I screwed up...
Dam-mit!!
CLENCH

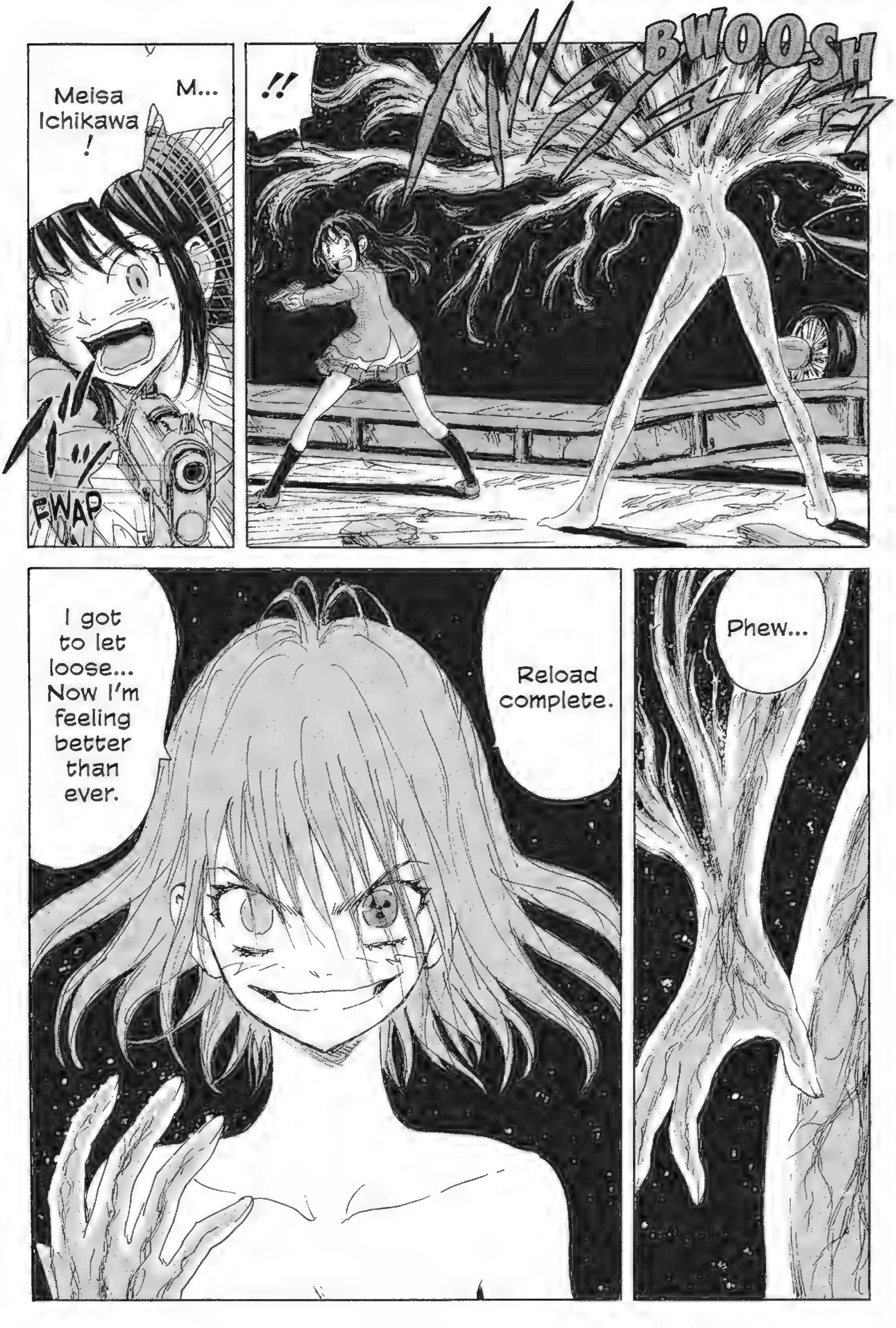

TOSS
BLAM
BOOM
?!
CLUNK
CLUNK

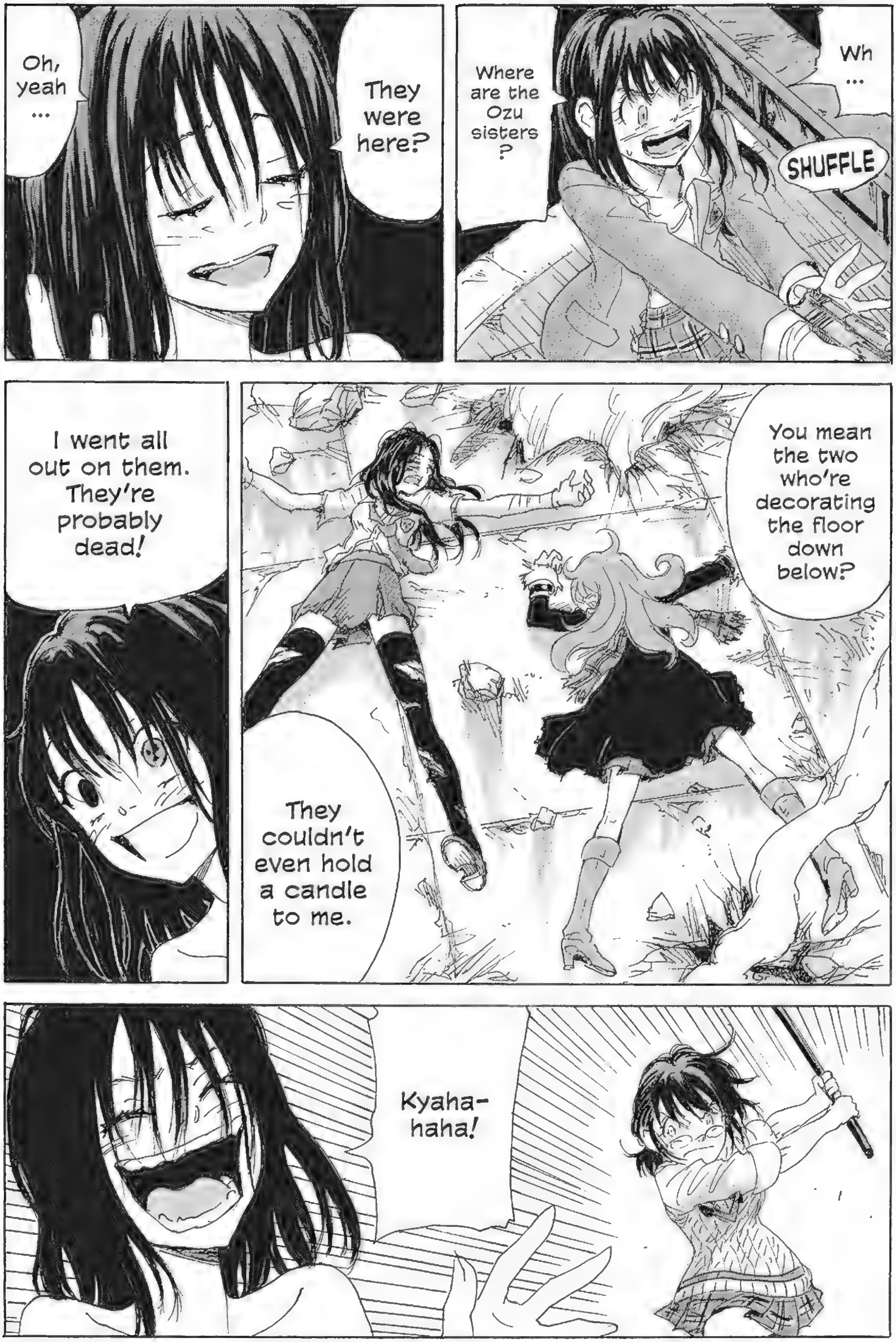

Oh no...
CLUNK
CLUNK
She hit the engine!
BROOOOO
?!
This genius is about to crash ...!
KRRRRSH

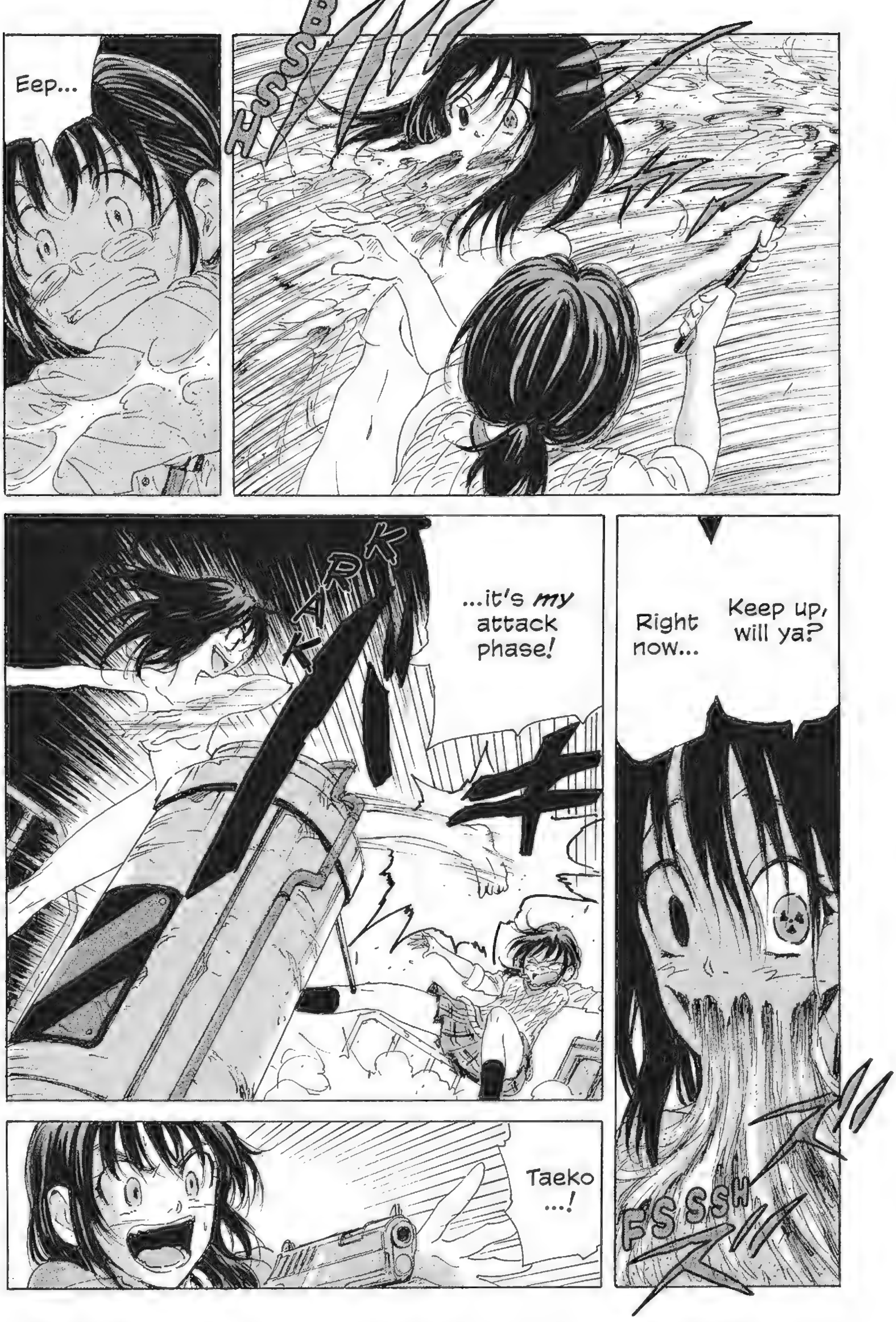

PSSSH
TILT
CLUNK
Guh ...
Hoho ...
This is rough on my old body.
Ibara!
TILT
?!
Hurry... get Aoi back!
FLING
T...
Taeko ...!
CATCH

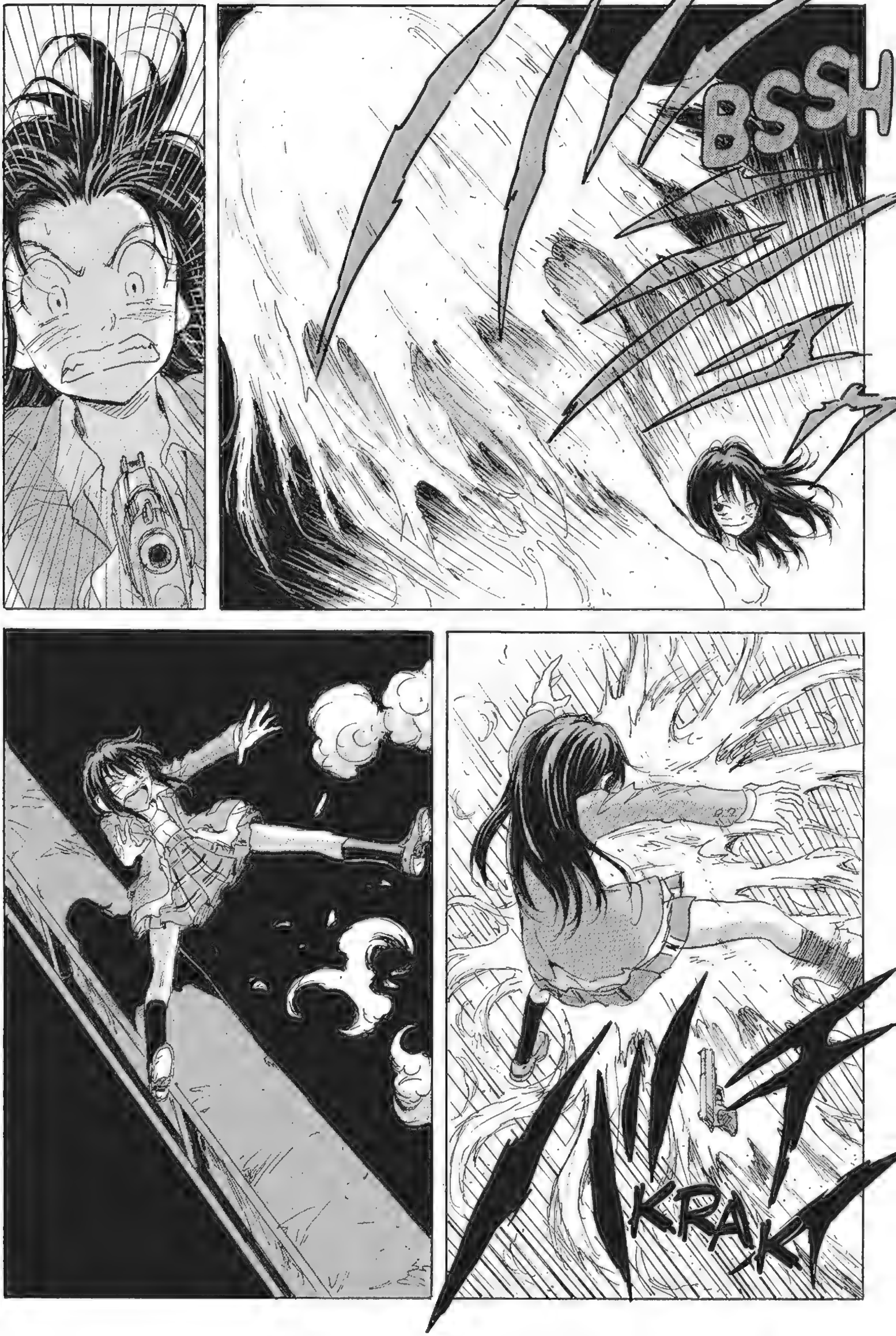

...
KCHK
Good grief...
This is less straightforward than I'd expected...
CLUNK
HUFF
But I, Dr. Coppelius ...
HUFF
...won't be done in so easily!
Put your hands up!
!
Hand Aoi over!
You lose, Dr. Coppelius!
GLANCE
Persistent, aren't you!
KCHK

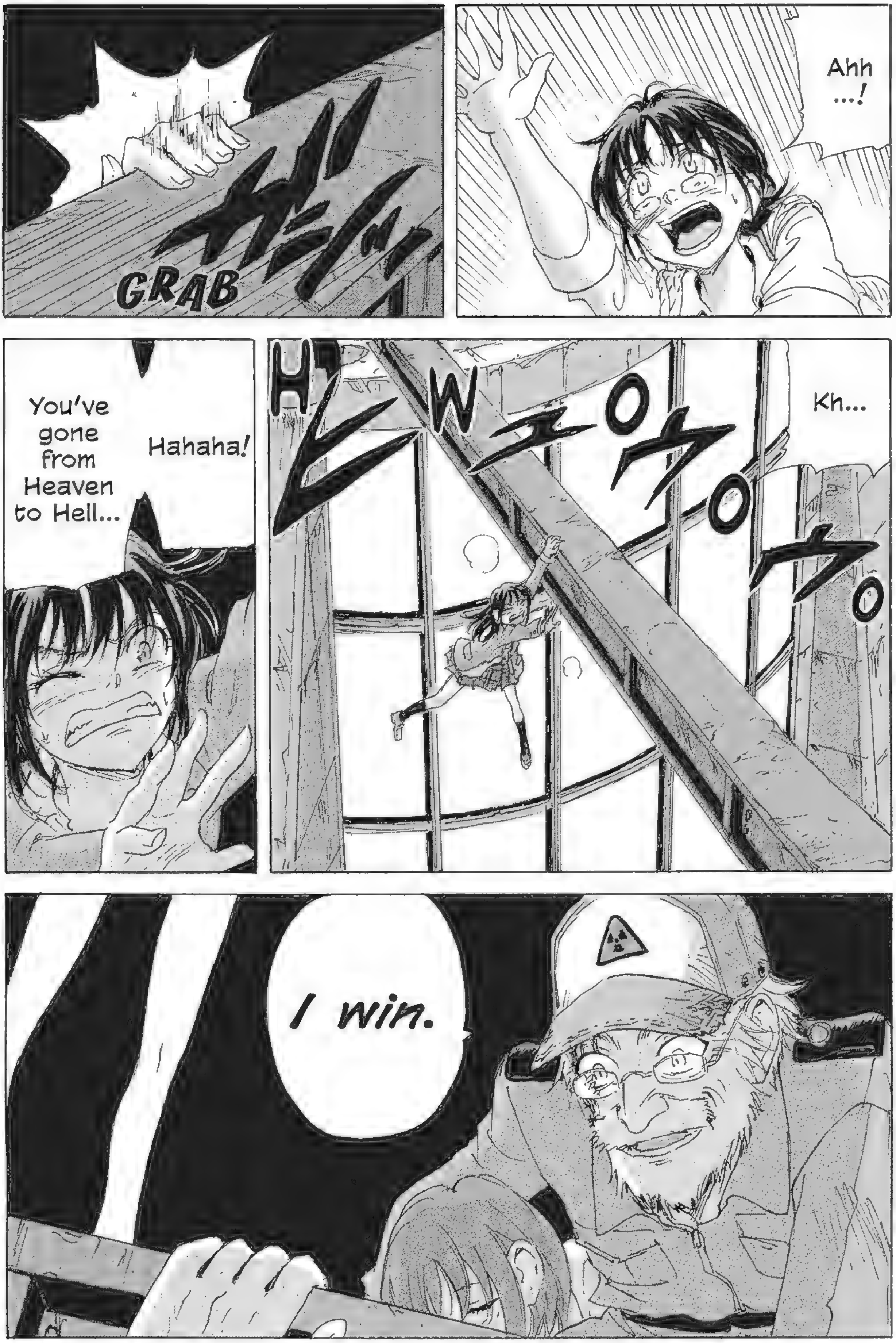

TMP
TMP
TMP
!
Hahaha!
Well? Come out here!
WHOOOOOOSH
KREE
Be careful!
Stop resisting and give back Aoi!
You think you've won already, do you?!
Don't be so quick to let your guard down!
Ibara…
Behind you!

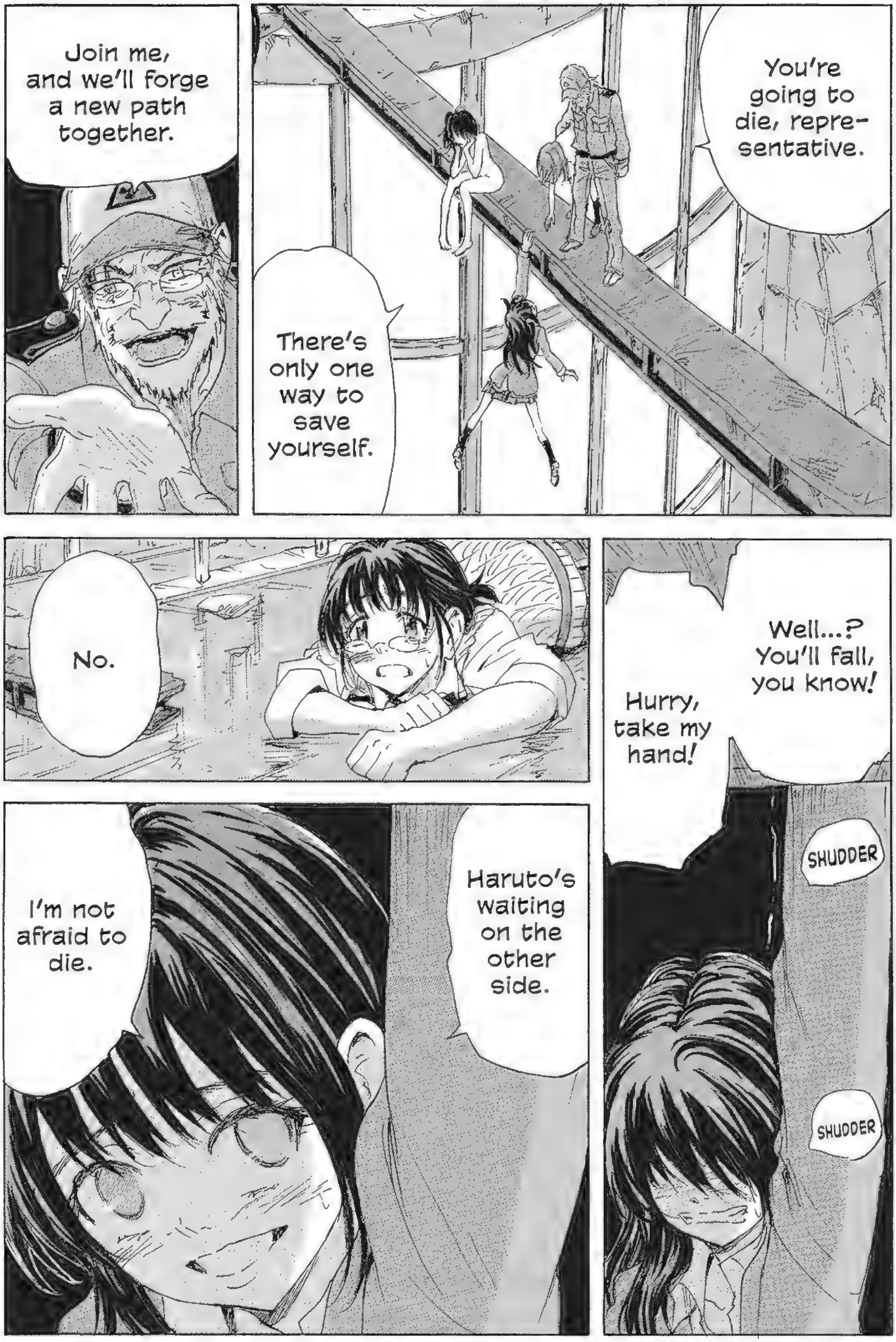

BWOOSH
!!
M...
Meisa Ichikawa!
FWAP
Phew...
Reload complete.
I got to let loose... Now I'm feeling better than ever.

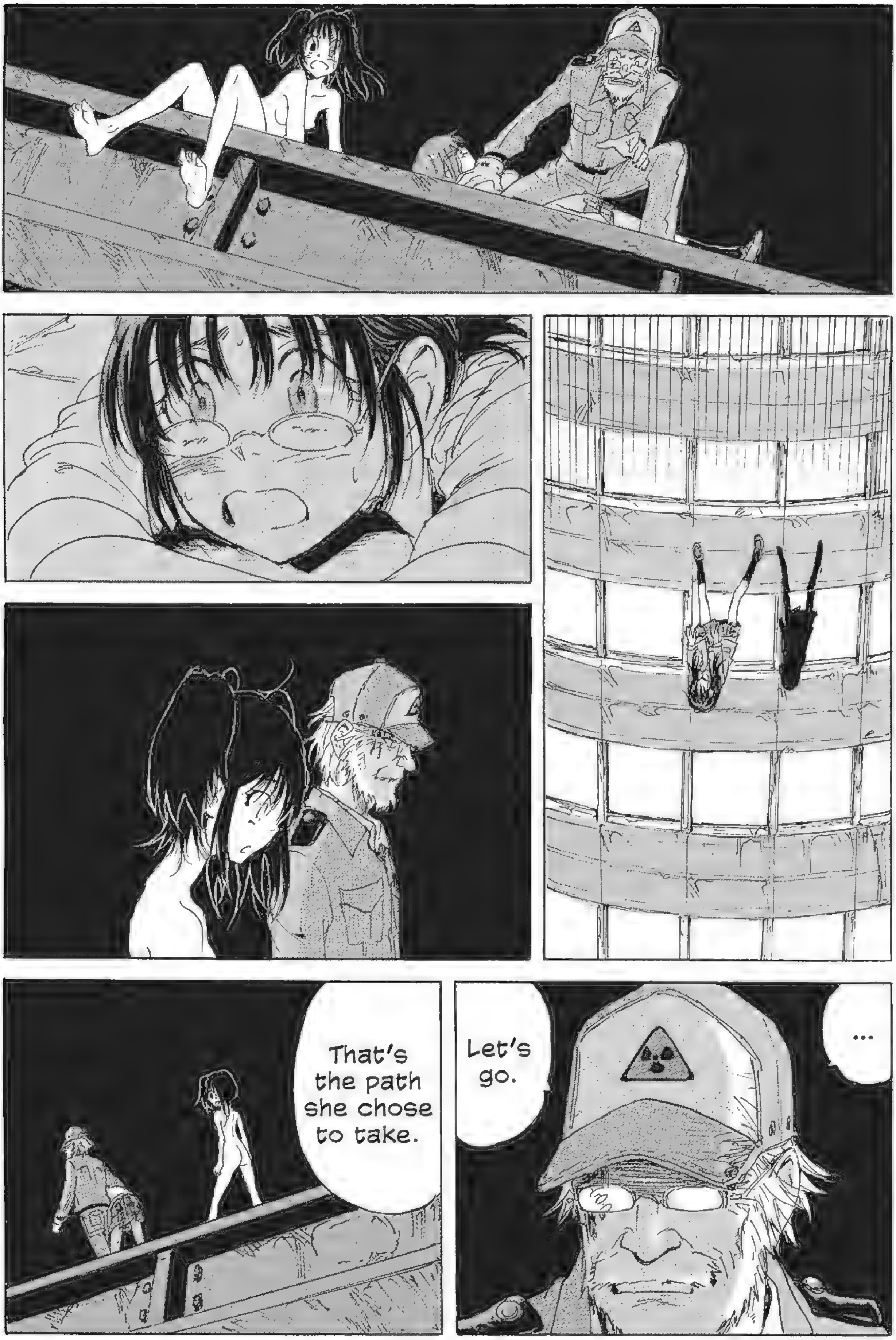

Wh ...
Where are the Ozu sisters?
SHUFFLE
They were here?
Oh, yeah ...
You mean the two who're decorating the floor down below?
They couldn't even hold a candle to me.
I went all out on them. They're probably dead!
Kyaha-haha!

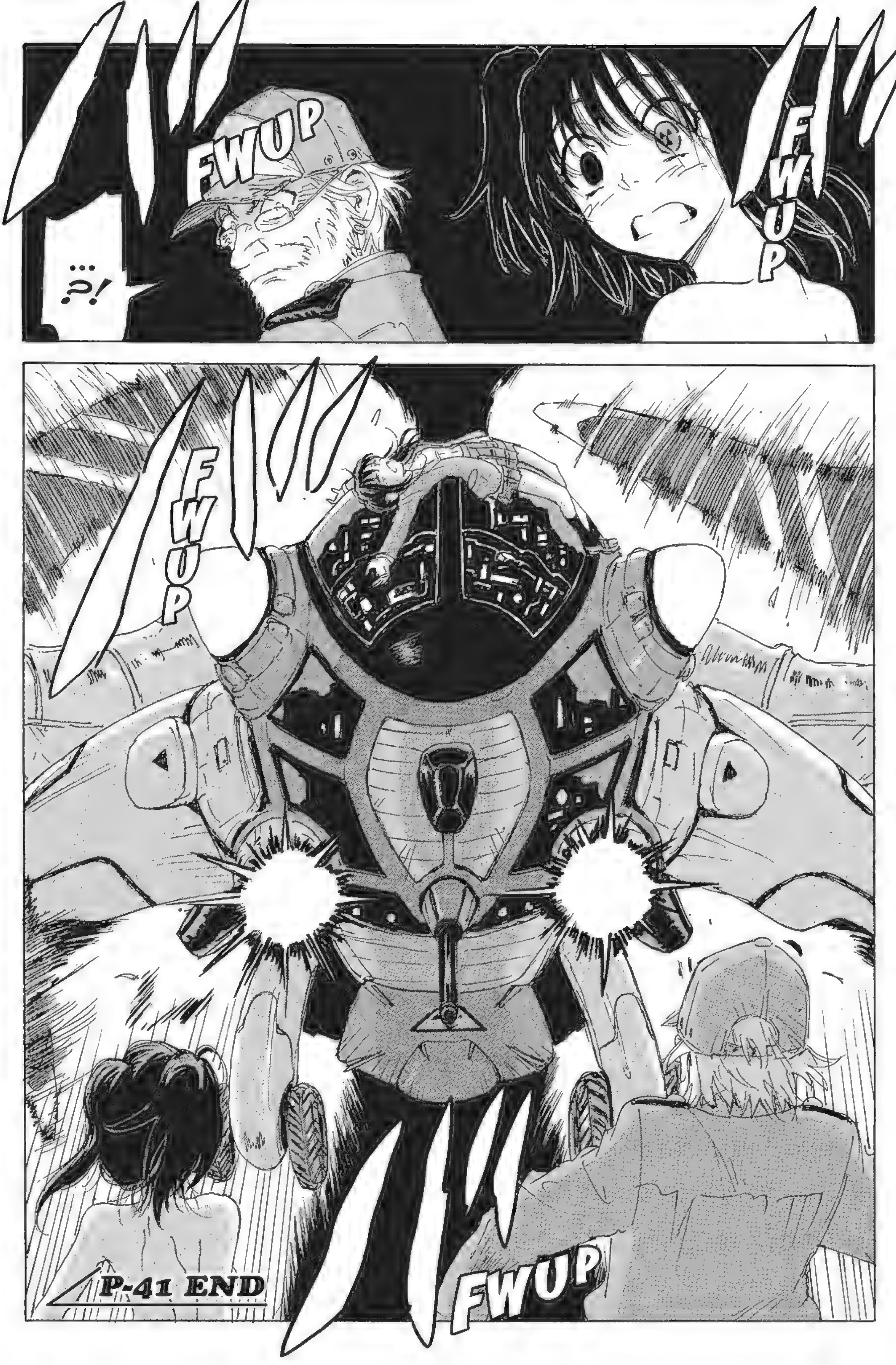

HSSB
Eep...
Keep up, will ya?
Right now...
...it's *my* attack phase!
KARK
FSSSH
Taeko ...!


BSSH
KRAK

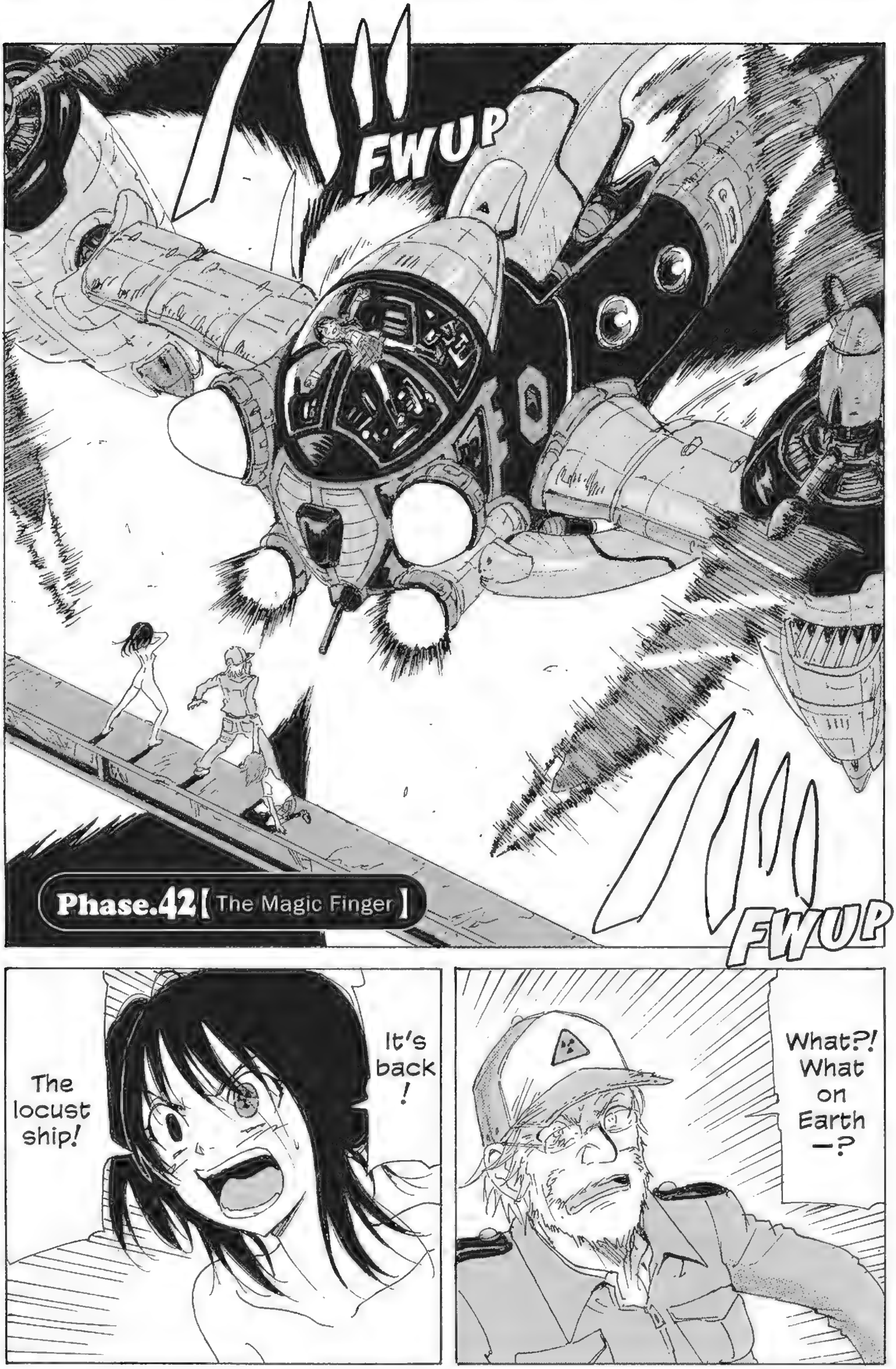

Ahh ...!
GRAB
Kh...
Hahaha!
You've gone from Heaven to Hell...
I win.


You're going to die, representative.
There's only one way to save yourself.
Join me, and we'll forge a new path together.
Well...? You'll fall, you know!
Hurry, take my hand!
SHUDDER
SHUDDER
No.
Haruto's waiting on the other side.
I'm not afraid to die.

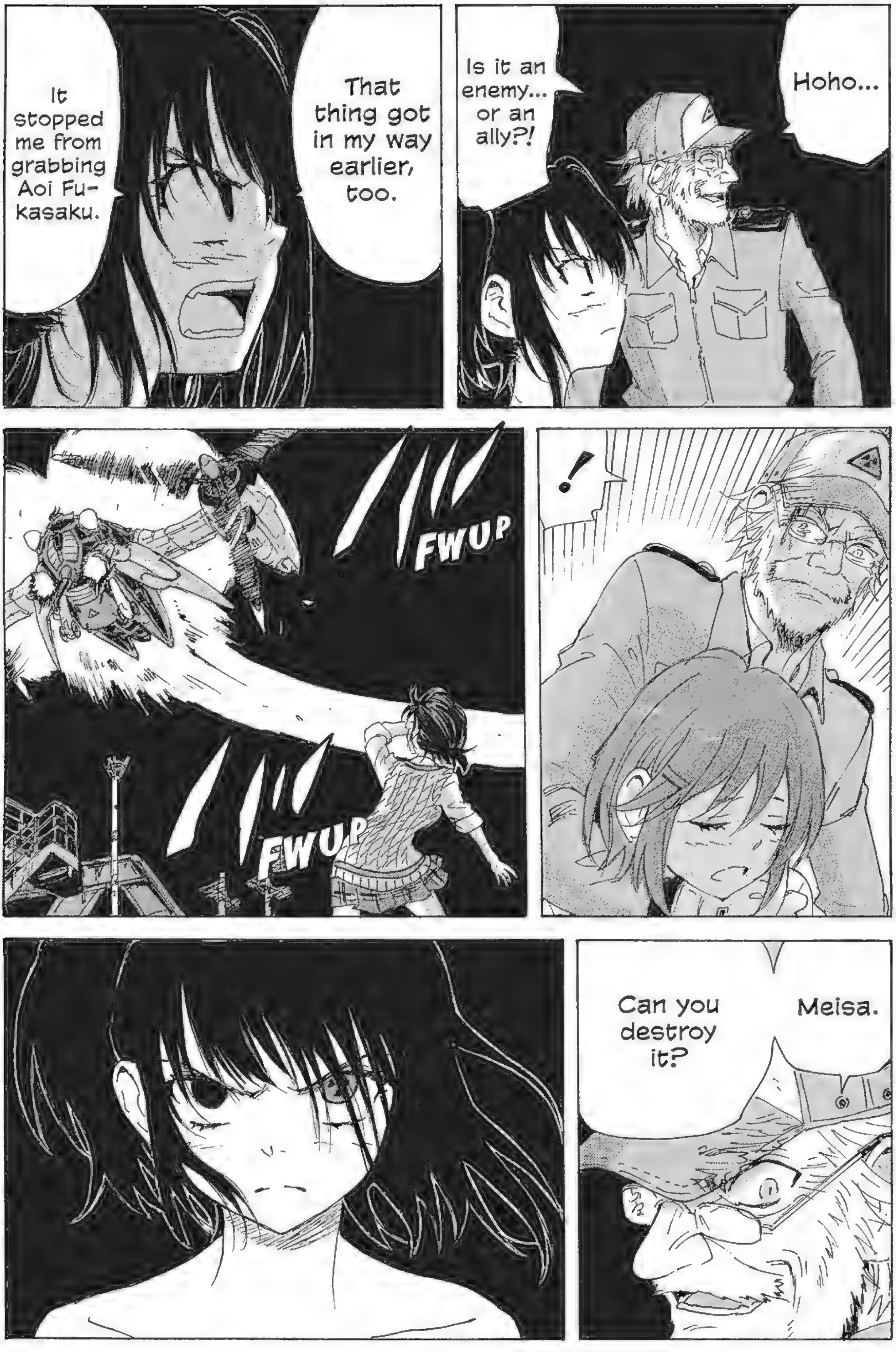

...
Let's go.
That's the path she chose to take.

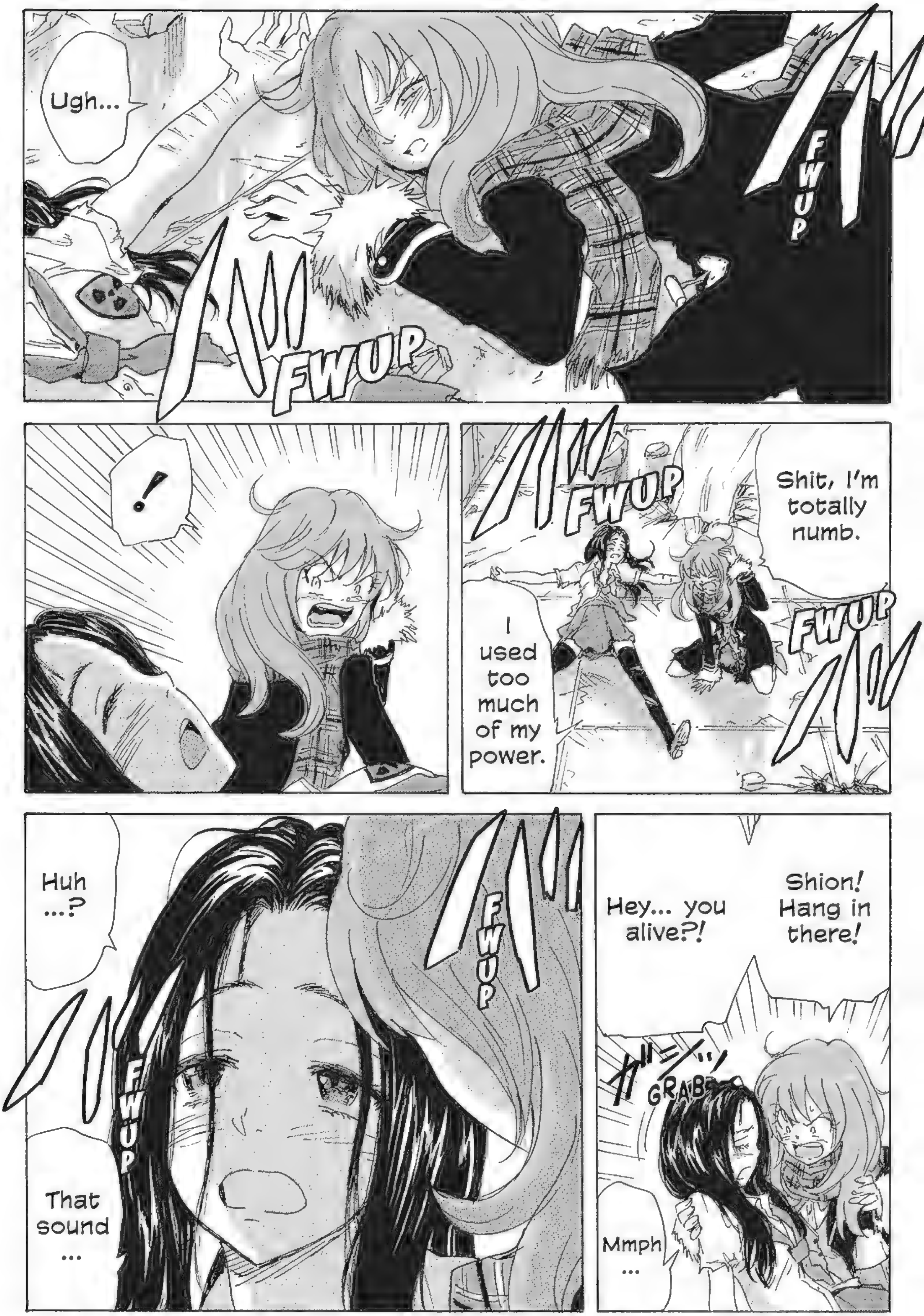

FWUP
...?!
FWUP
FWUP
FWUP
P-41 END

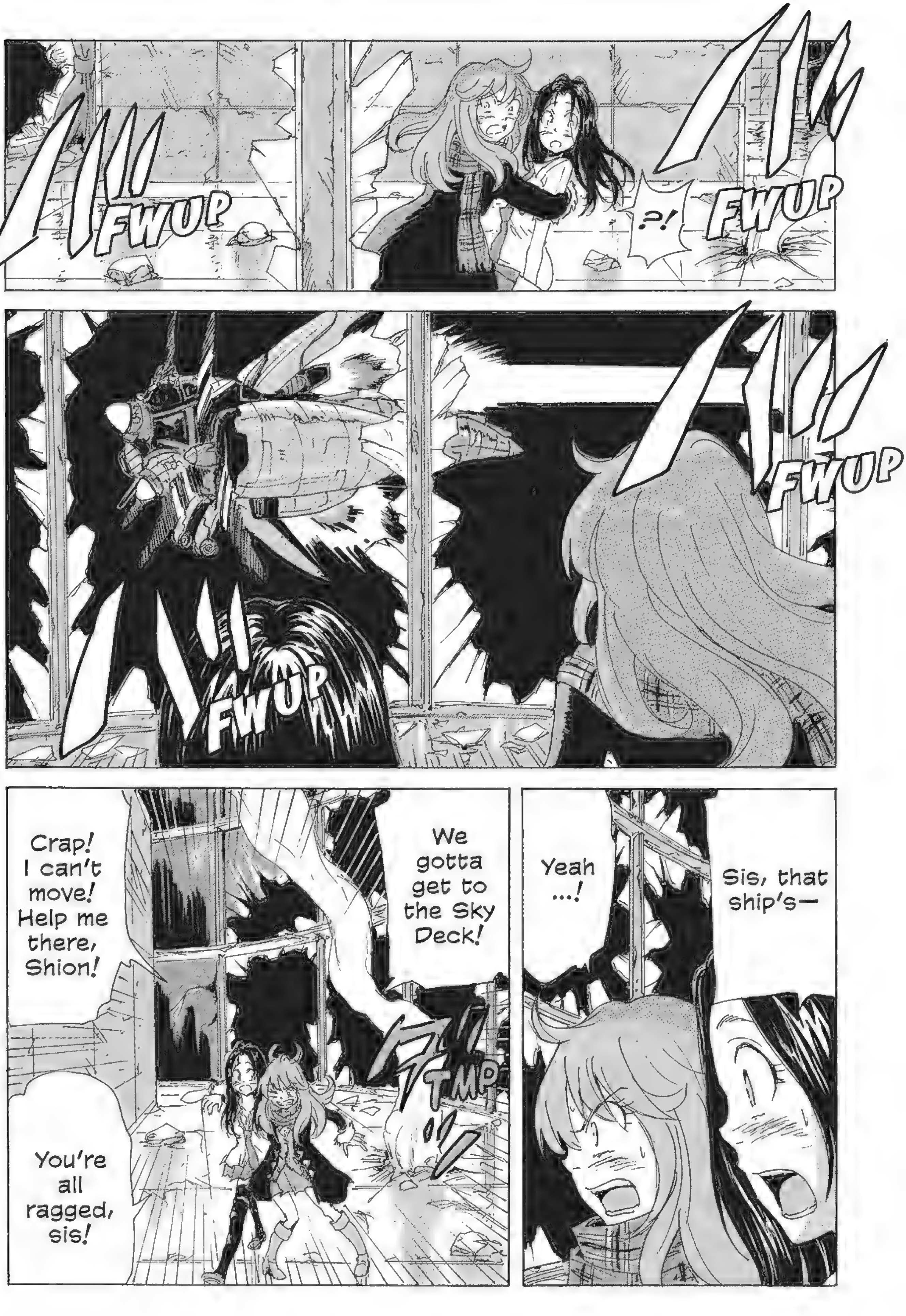
Phase.42 [The Magic Finger]

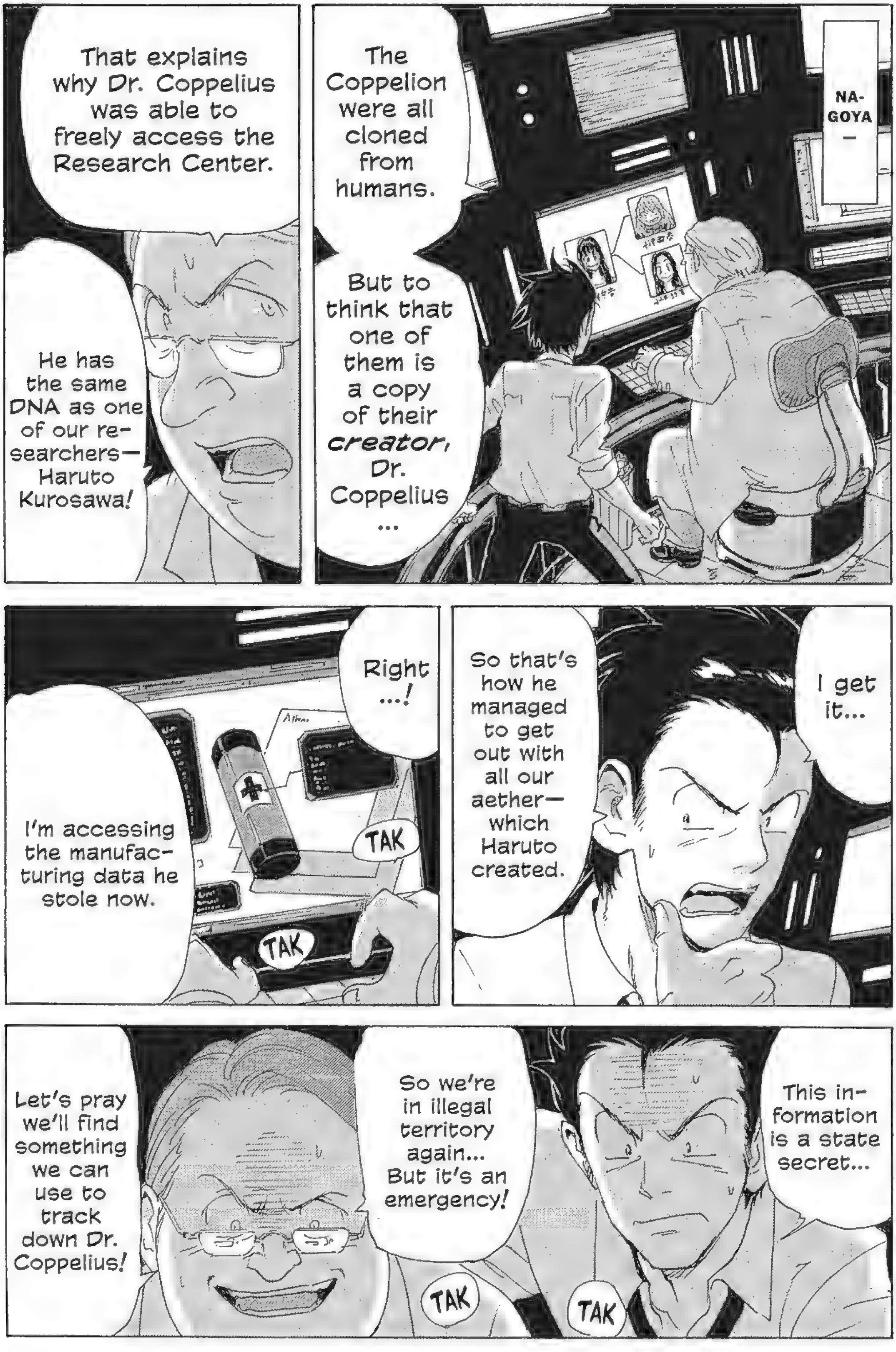

FWUP
FWUP
What?! What on Earth —?
It's back!
The locust ship!

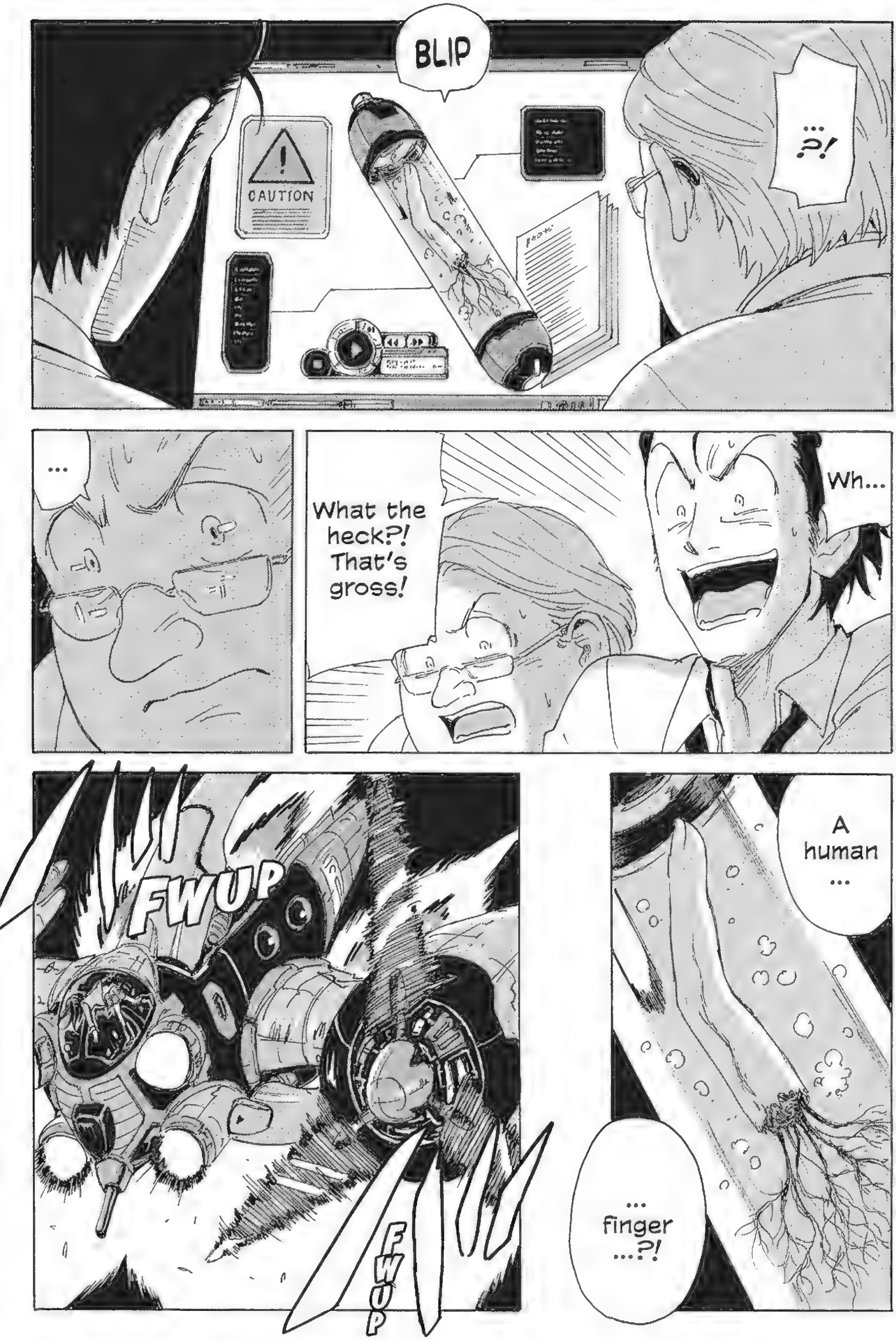
FWOOSH

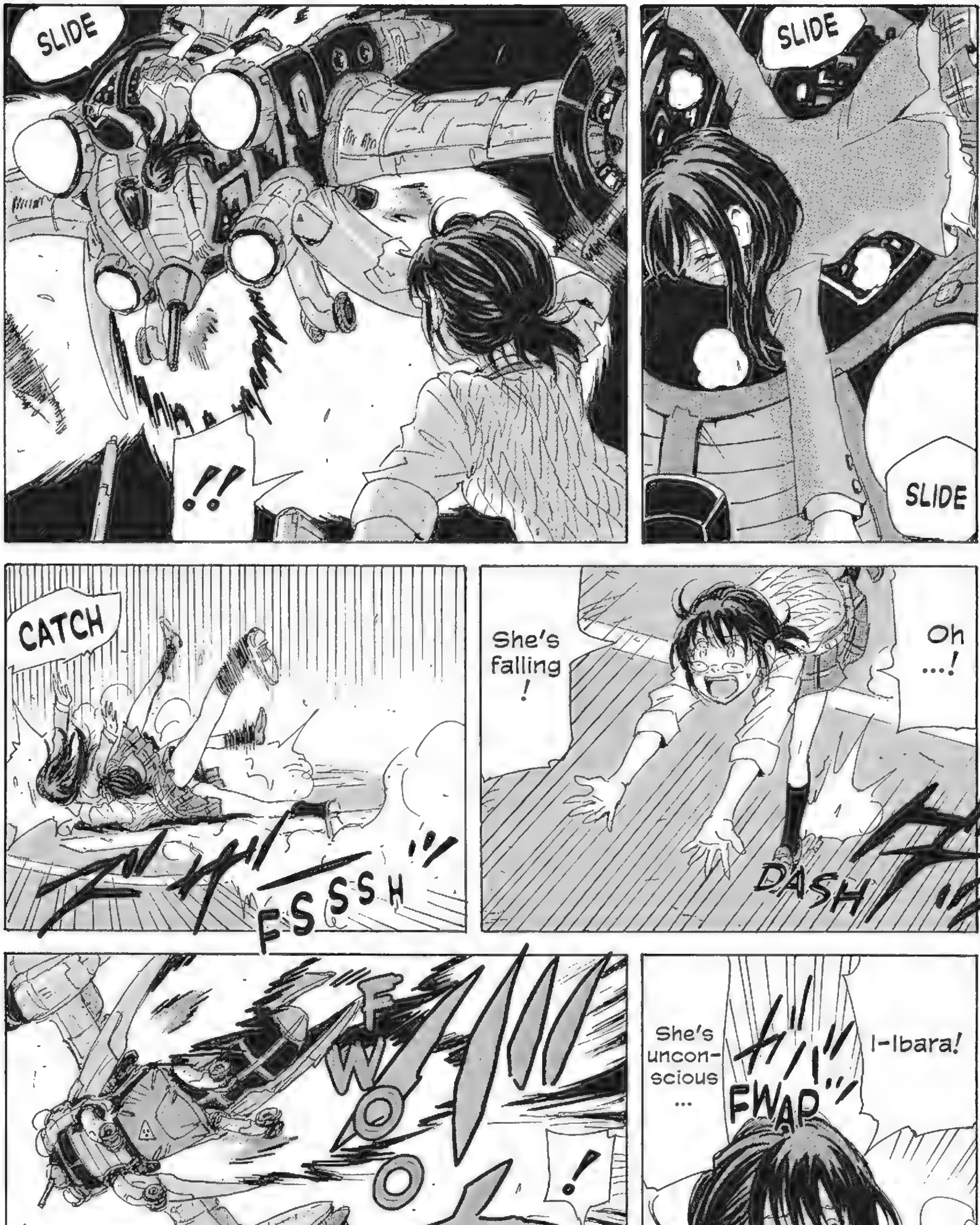

Hoho...
Is it an enemy... or an ally?!
That thing got in my way earlier, too.
It stopped me from grabbing Aoi Fukasaku.
!
FWUP
FWUP
Meisa.
Can you destroy it?

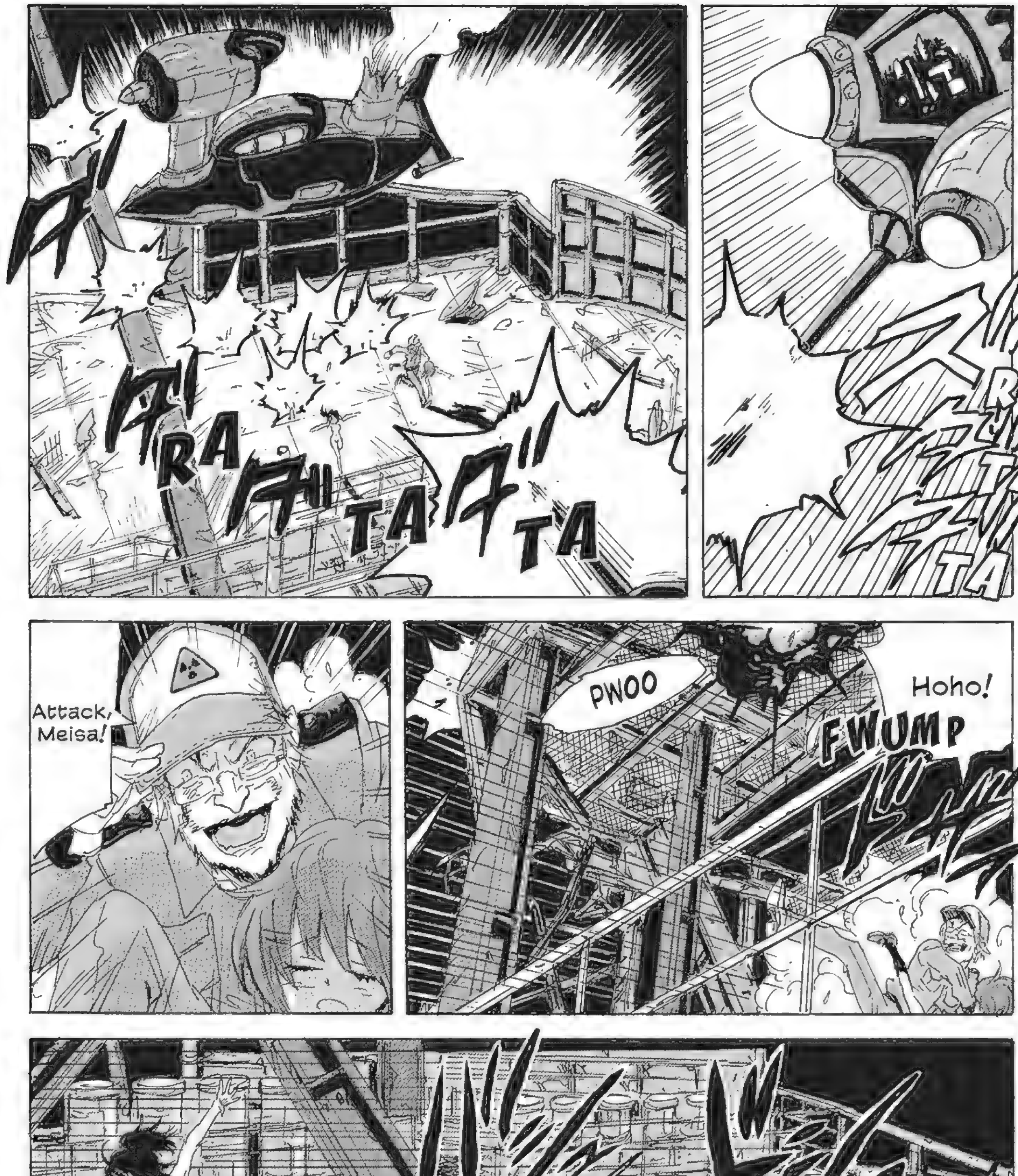

Ugh...
FWUP
FWUP
Shit, I'm totally numb.
I used too much of my power.
FWUP
FWUP
!
Shion! Hang in there!
Hey... you alive?!
GRAB
Mmph...
Huh...?
FWUP
FWUP
That sound...

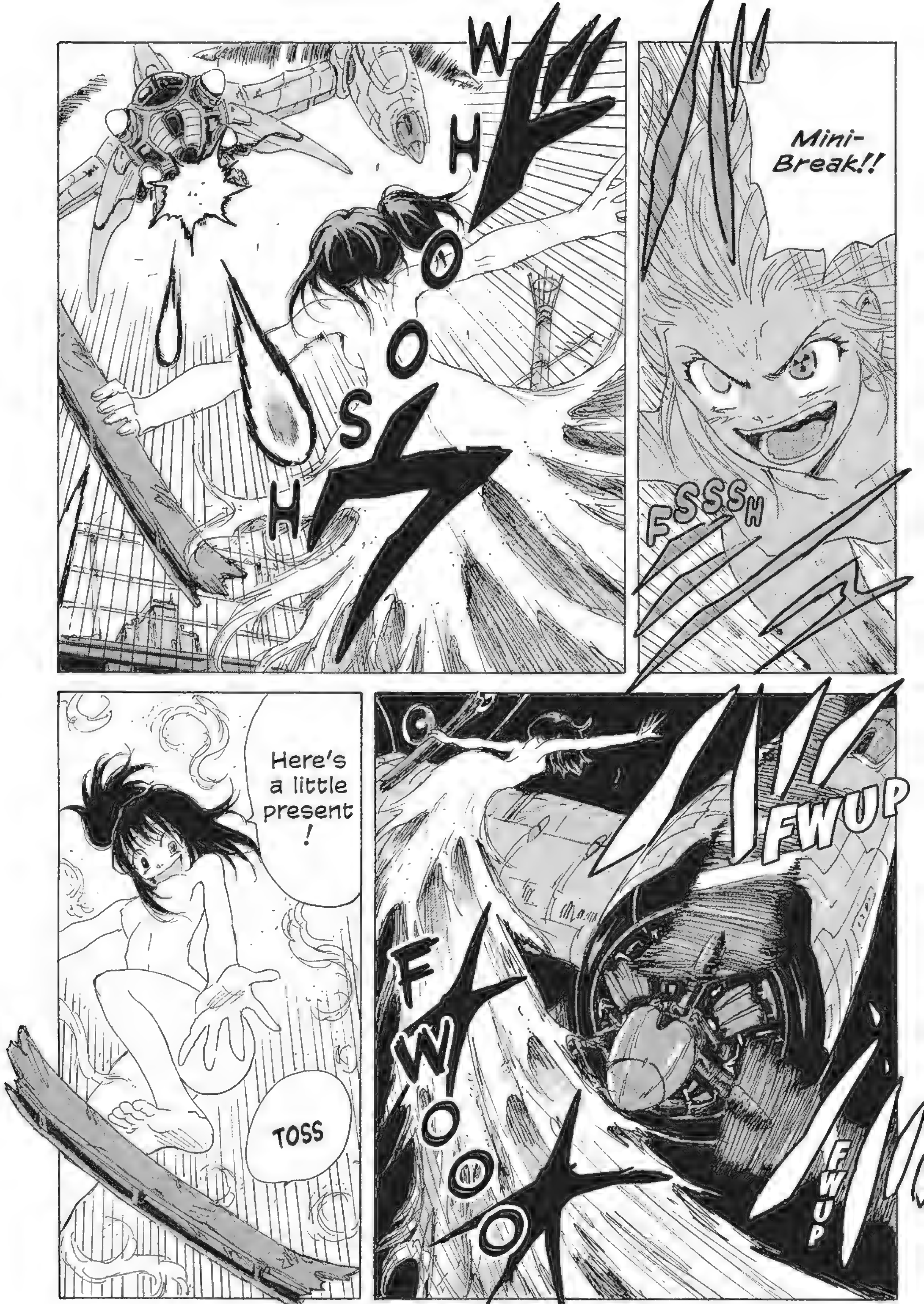

FWUP
?!
FWUP
FWUP
FWUP
Sis, that ship's—
Yeah ...!
We gotta get to the Sky Deck!
Crap! I can't move! Help me there, Shion!
TMP
You're all ragged, sis!

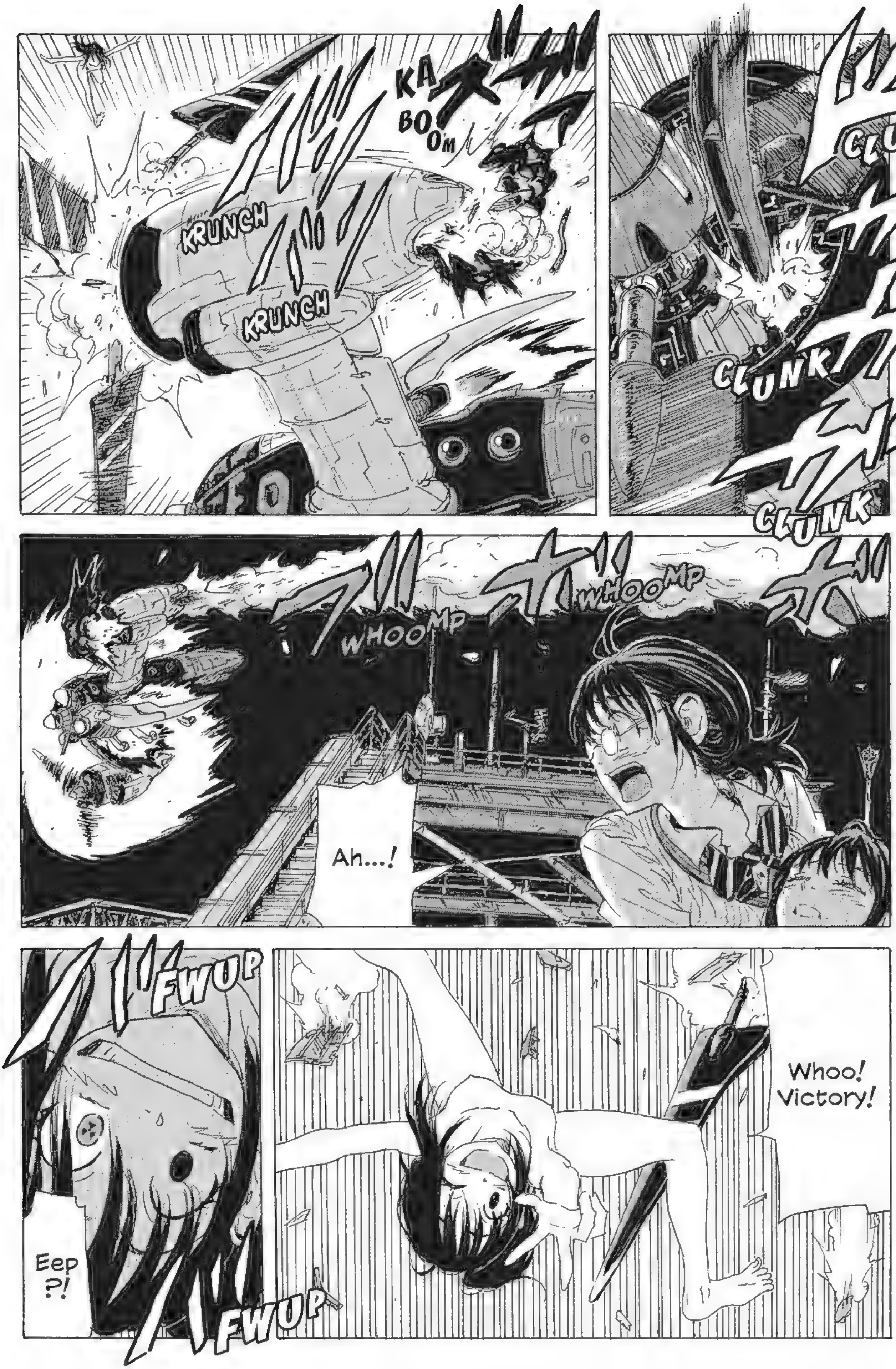

NAGOYA
The Coppelion were all cloned from humans.
But to think that one of them is a copy of their *creator*, Dr. Coppelius...
That explains why Dr. Coppelius was able to freely access the Research Center.
He has the same DNA as one of our researchers—Haruto Kurosawa!
I get it...
So that's how he managed to get out with all our aether—which Haruto created.
Right...!
I'm accessing the manufacturing data he stole now.
TAK
TAK
This information is a state secret...
So we're in illegal territory again... But it's an emergency!
TAK
TAK
Let's pray we'll find something we can use to track down Dr. Coppelius!

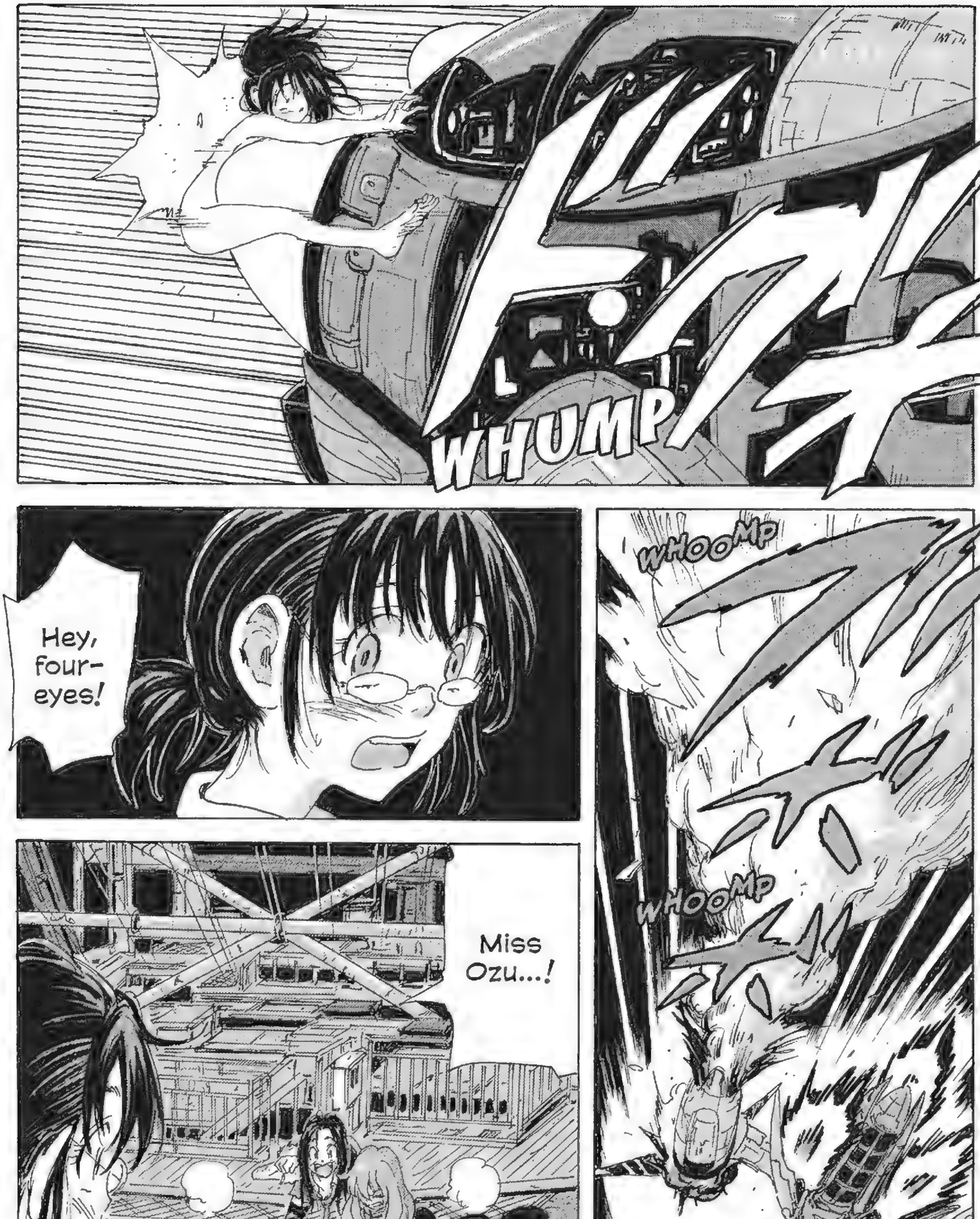

BLIP
...?!
CAUTION
Wh...
What the heck?! That's gross!
...
A human ...
... finger ...?!
FWUP
FWUP

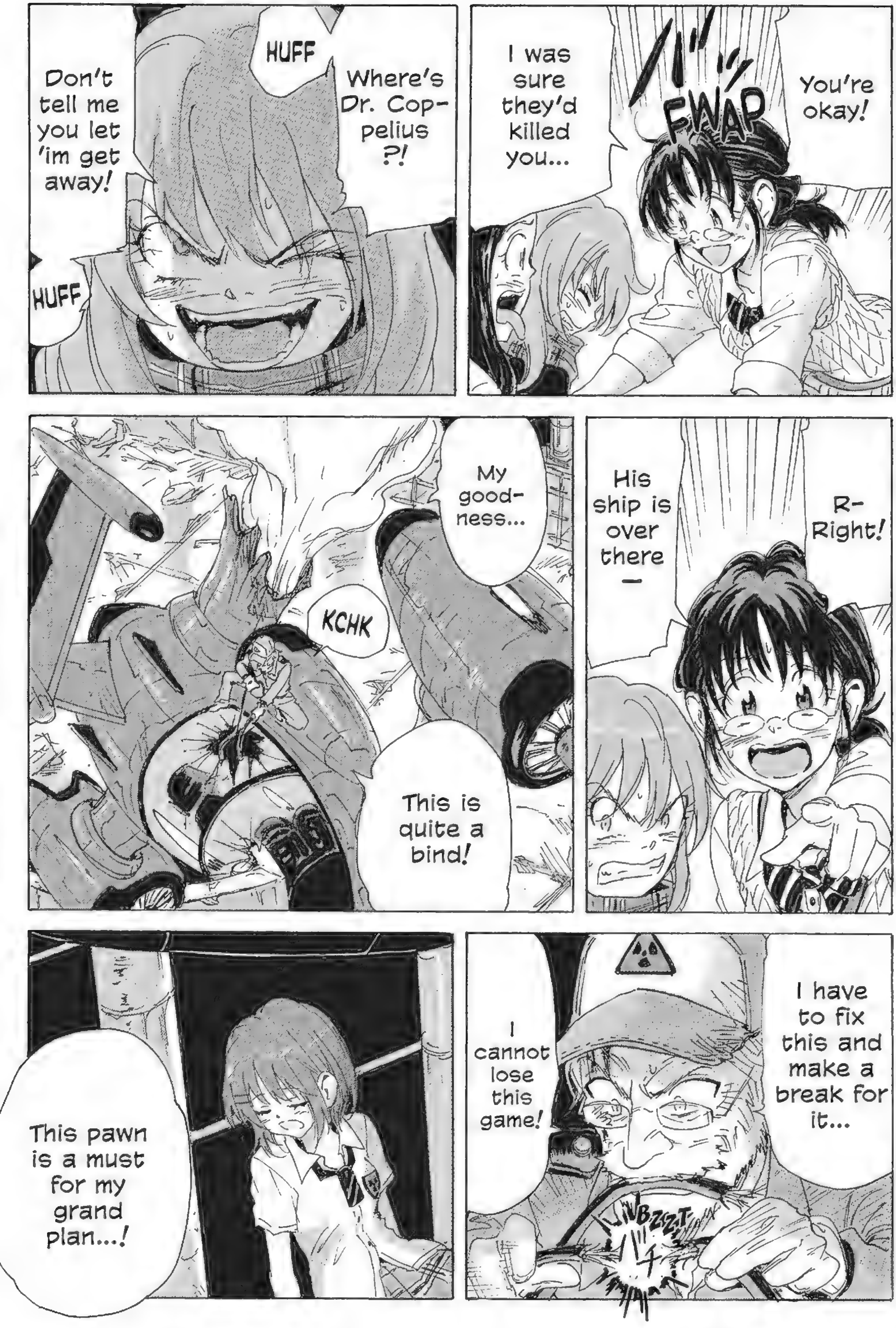

SLIDE
SLIDE
SLIDE
!!
Oh ...!
She's falling !
DASH
CATCH
FSSSH
I-Ibara!
FWAP
She's uncon-scious ...
FWOOOSH
!

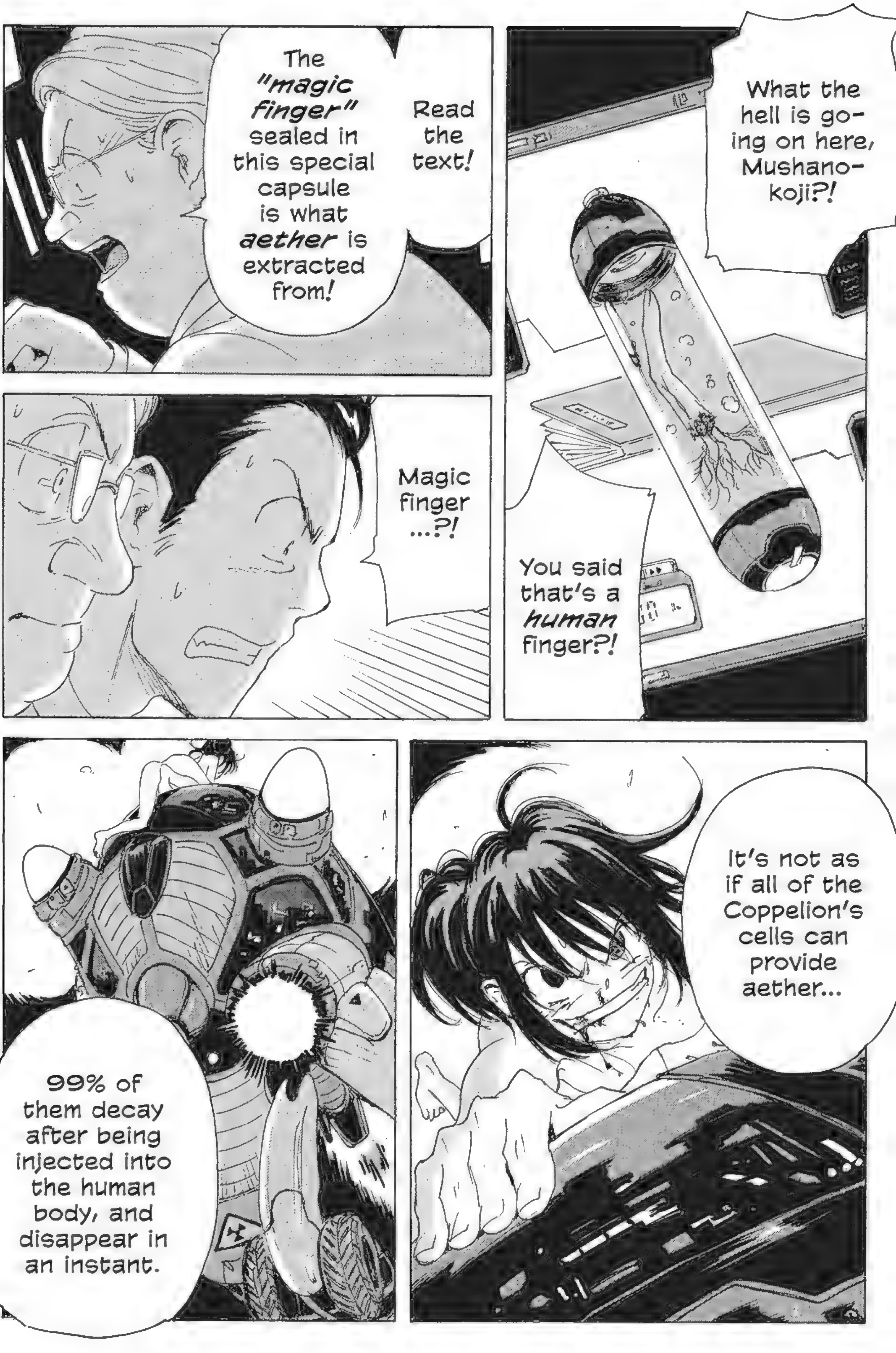

RA TA TA TA
RA TA TA
Hoho!
FWUMP
PWOO
Attack, Meisa!
WHUD
WHUD
WHUD
GRAB

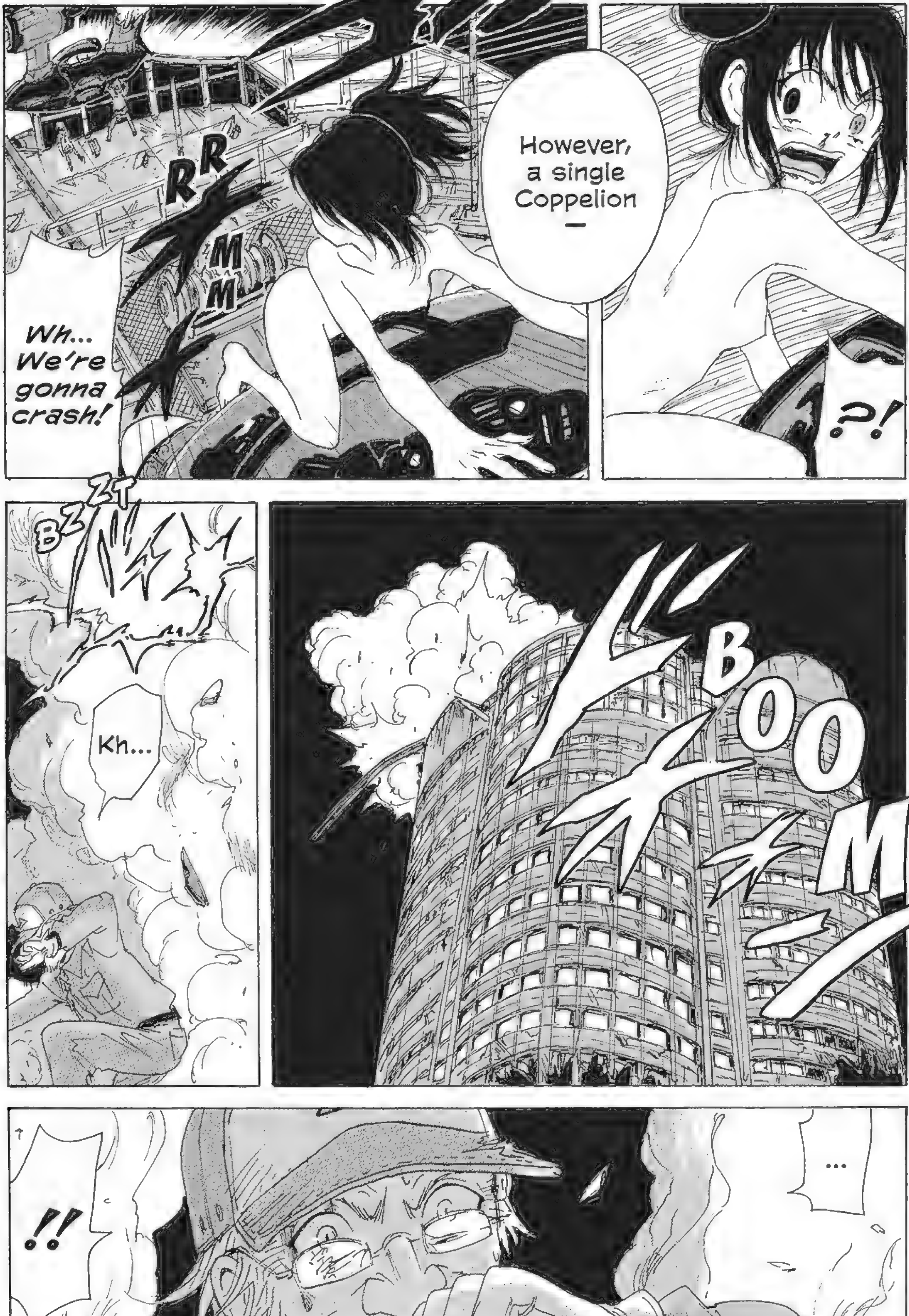

Mini-Break!!
FSSSH
WHOOOSH
FWUP
FWOOOOO
FWUP
Here's a little present!
TOSS

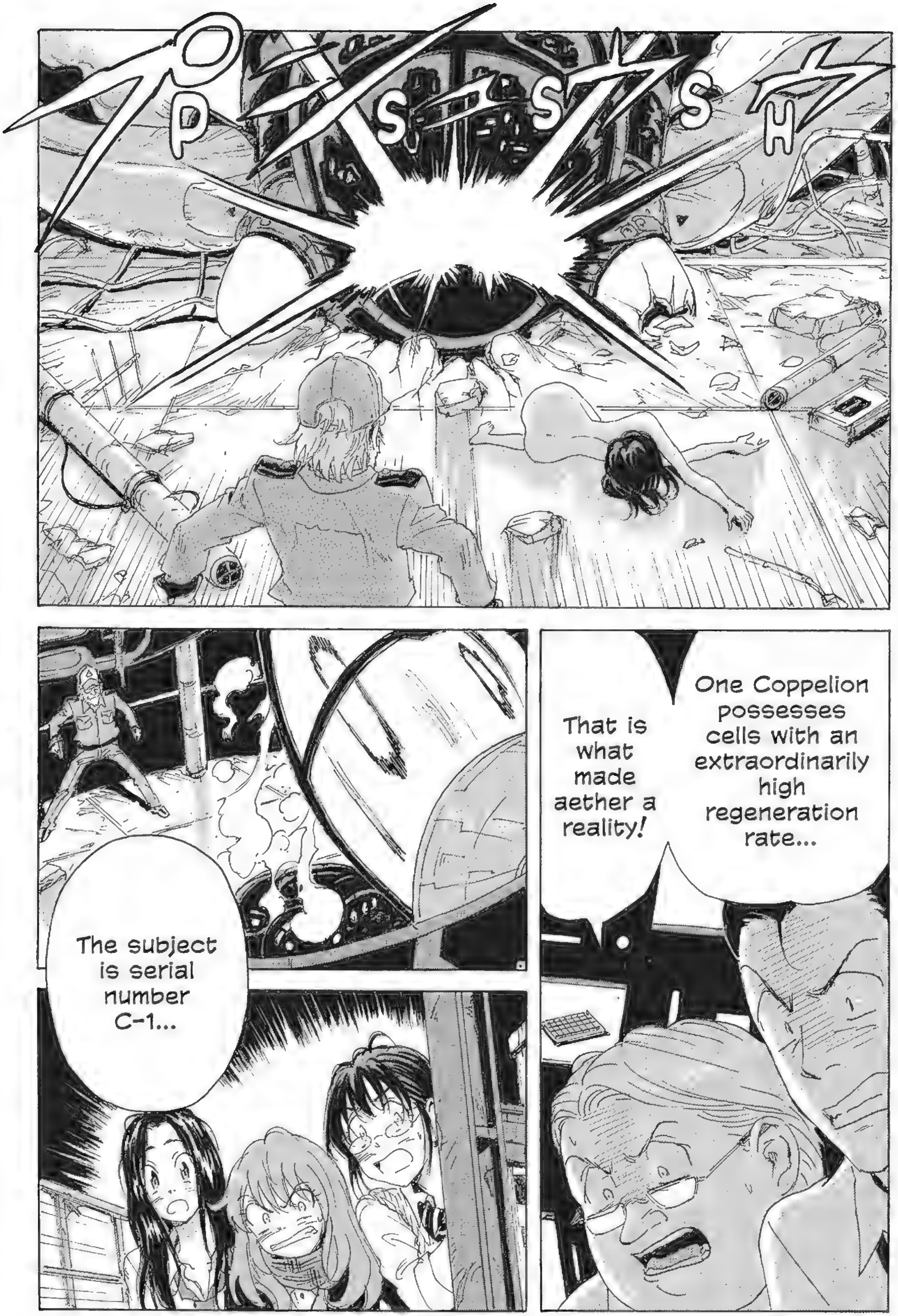

CLUNK
CLUNK
CLUNK
KA
BOOM
KRUNCH
KRUNCH
WHOOMP
WHOOMP
Ah...!
Whoo! Victory!
FWUP
Eep ?!
FWUP

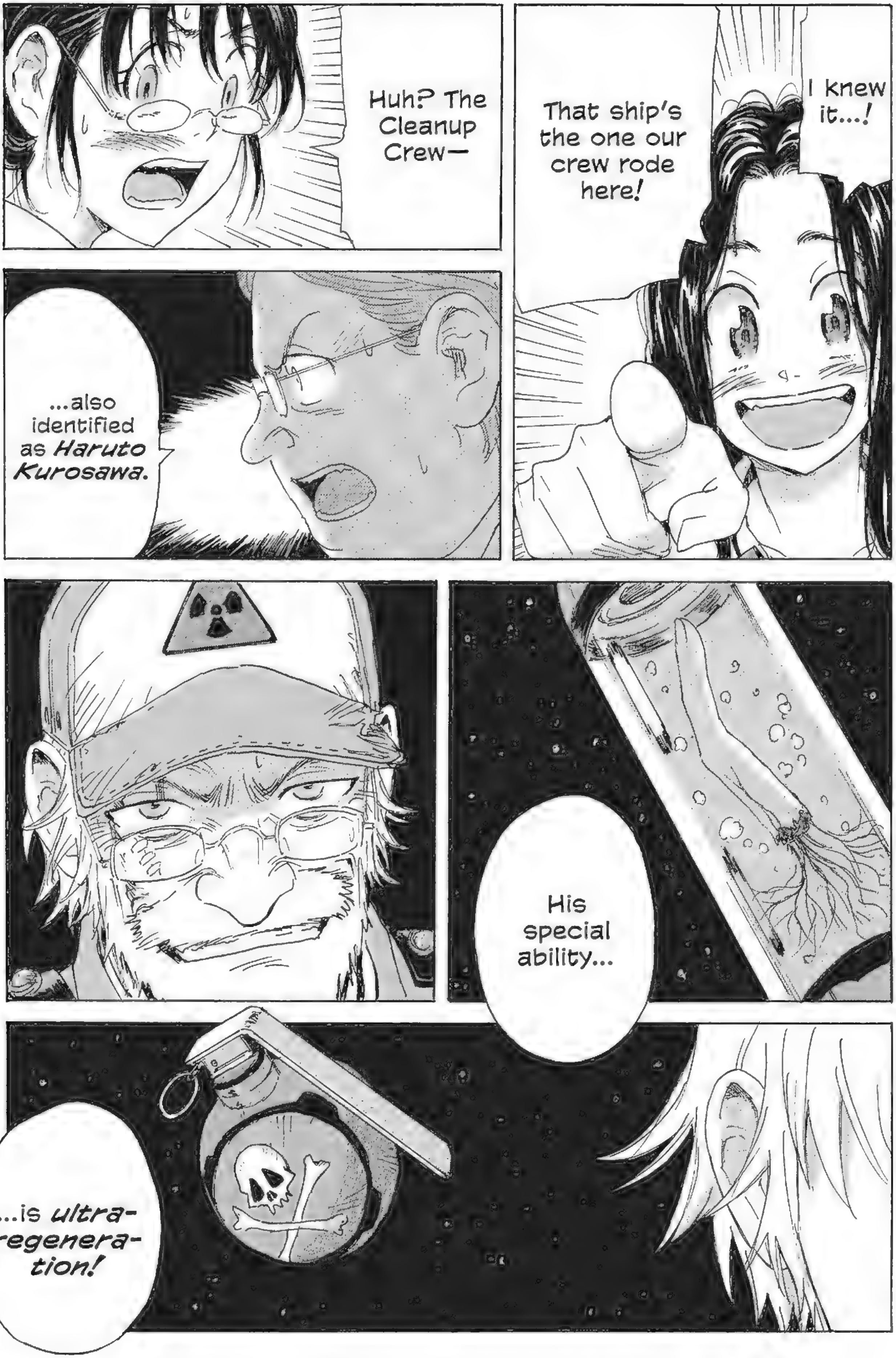

WHUMP
WHOOMP
WHOOMP
...
Hey, four-eyes!
Miss Ozu...!
ドサッ
THUD

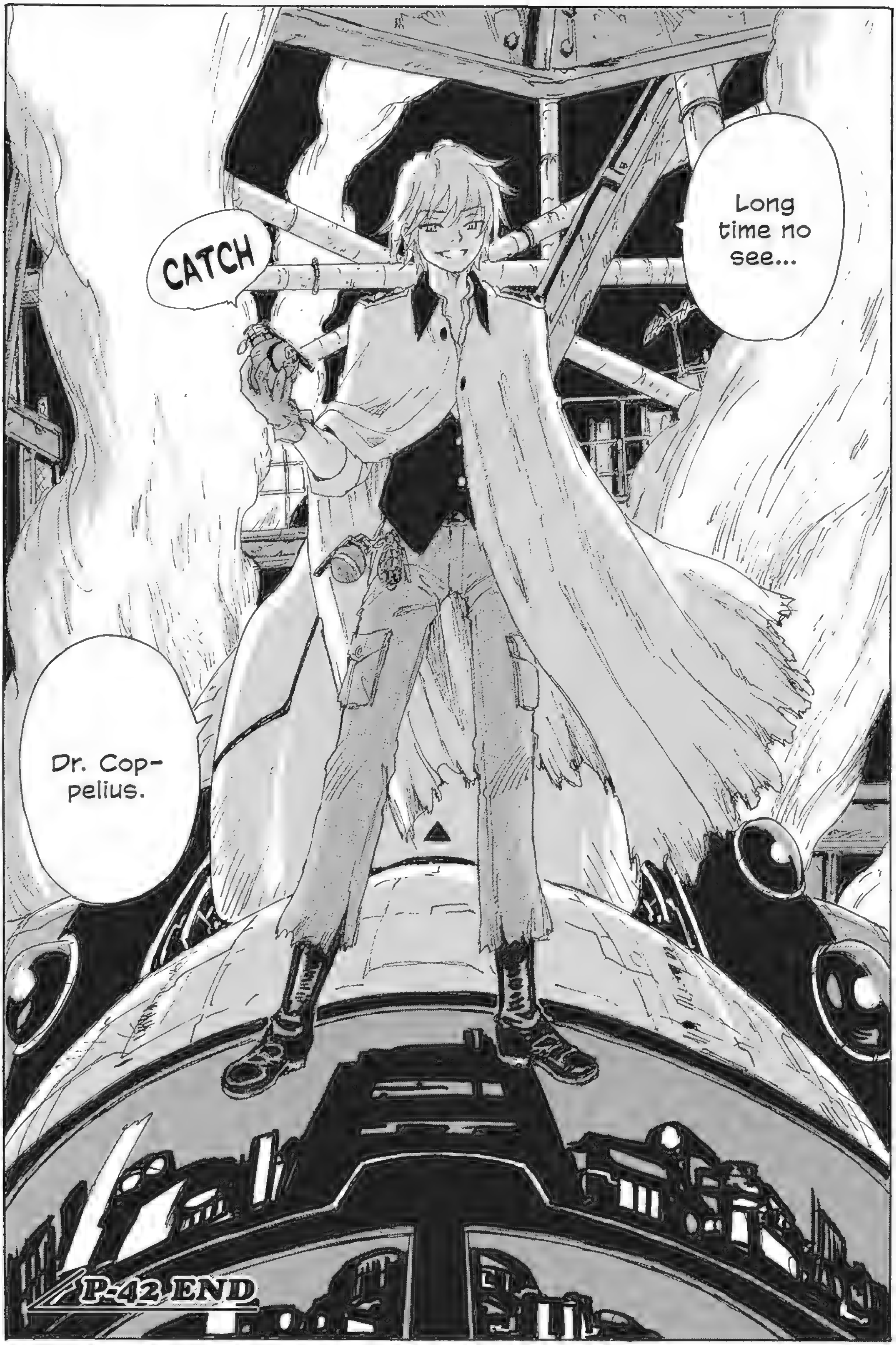

You're okay!
FWAP
I was sure they'd killed you...
Where's Dr. Coppelius?!
HUFF
Don't tell me you let 'im get away!
HUFF
R-Right!
His ship is over there —
My goodness...
KCHK
This is quite a bind!
I have to fix this and make a break for it...
I cannot lose this game!
BZZZT
This pawn is a must for my grand plan...!


What the hell is going on here, Mushanokoji?!
Read the text!
The *"magic finger"* sealed in this special capsule is what *aether* is extracted from!
Magic finger ...?!
You said that's a *human* finger?!
It's not as if all of the Coppelion's cells can provide aether...
99% of them decay after being injected into the human body, and disappear in an instant.

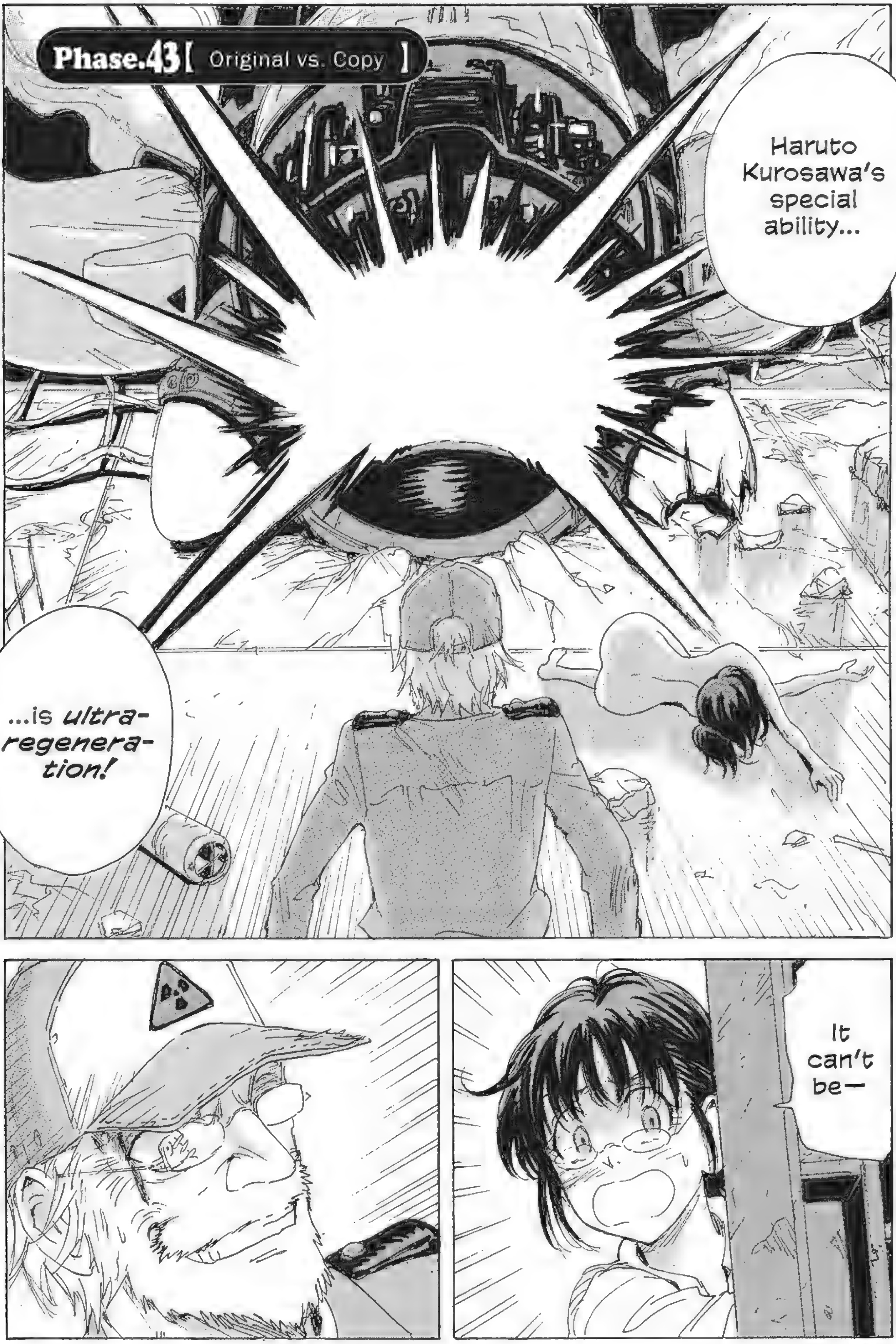

However, a single Coppelion –
?!
RRMMM
Wh... We're gonna crash!
BOOM
BZZZT
Kh...
...
!!

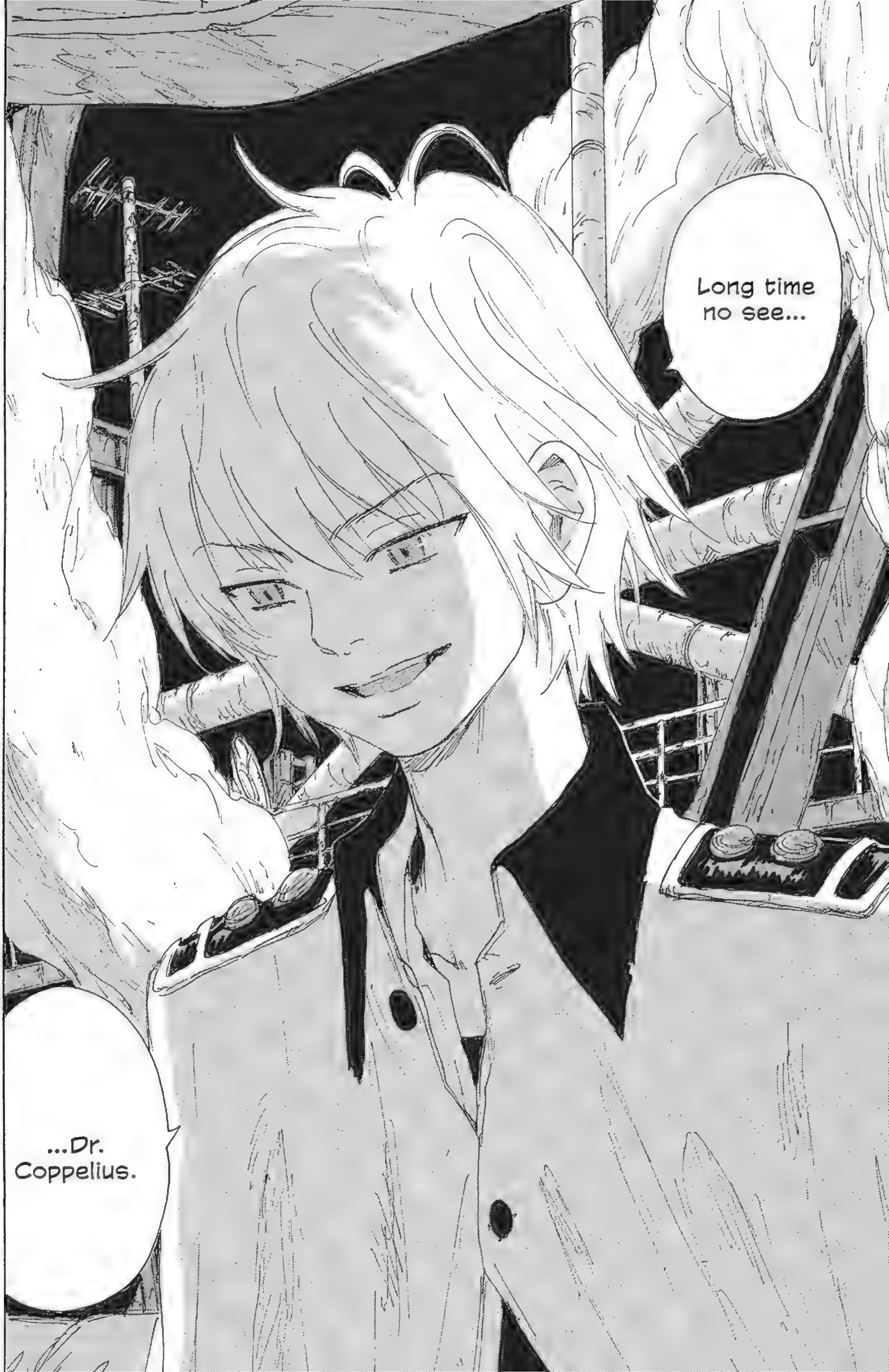

PSSSSH
One Coppelion possesses cells with an extraordinarily high regeneration rate...
That is what made aether a reality!
The subject is serial number C-1...

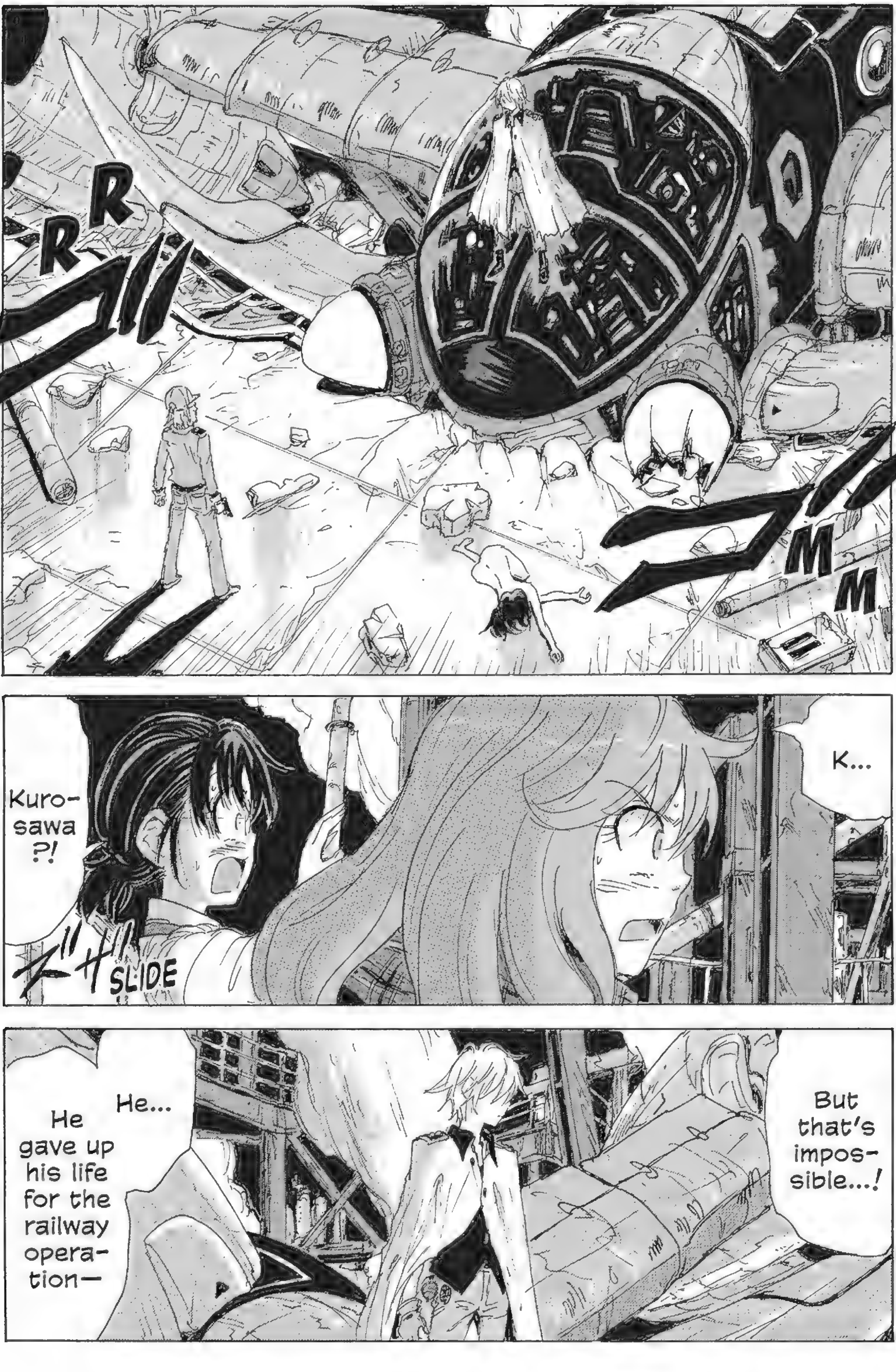

I knew it...!
That ship's the one our crew rode here!
Huh? The Cleanup Crew—
...also identified as *Haruto Kurosawa*.
His special ability...
...is *ultra-regeneration!*

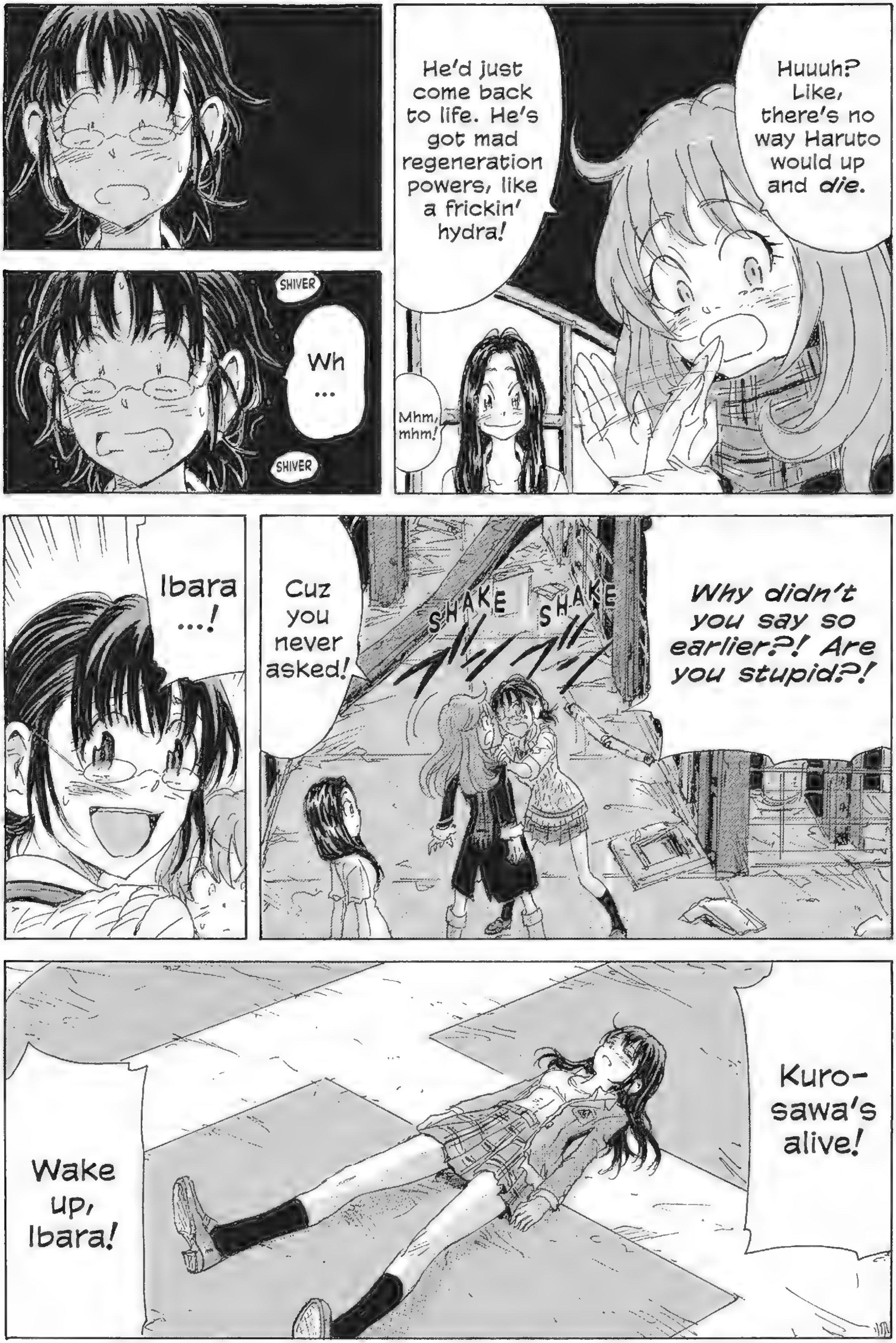

Long time no see...
CATCH
Dr. Coppelius.
P-42 END

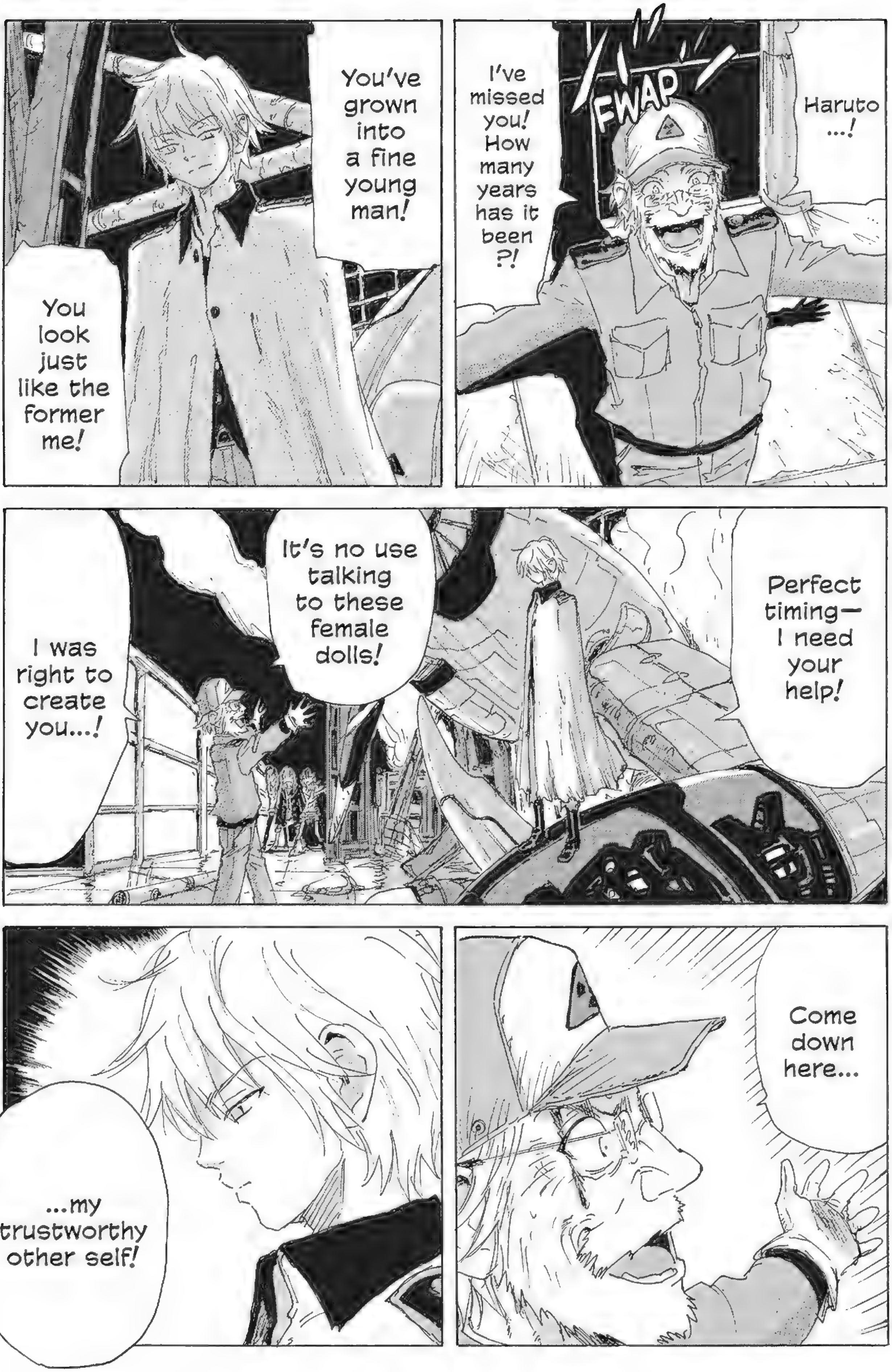
Phase.43【 Original vs. Copy 】

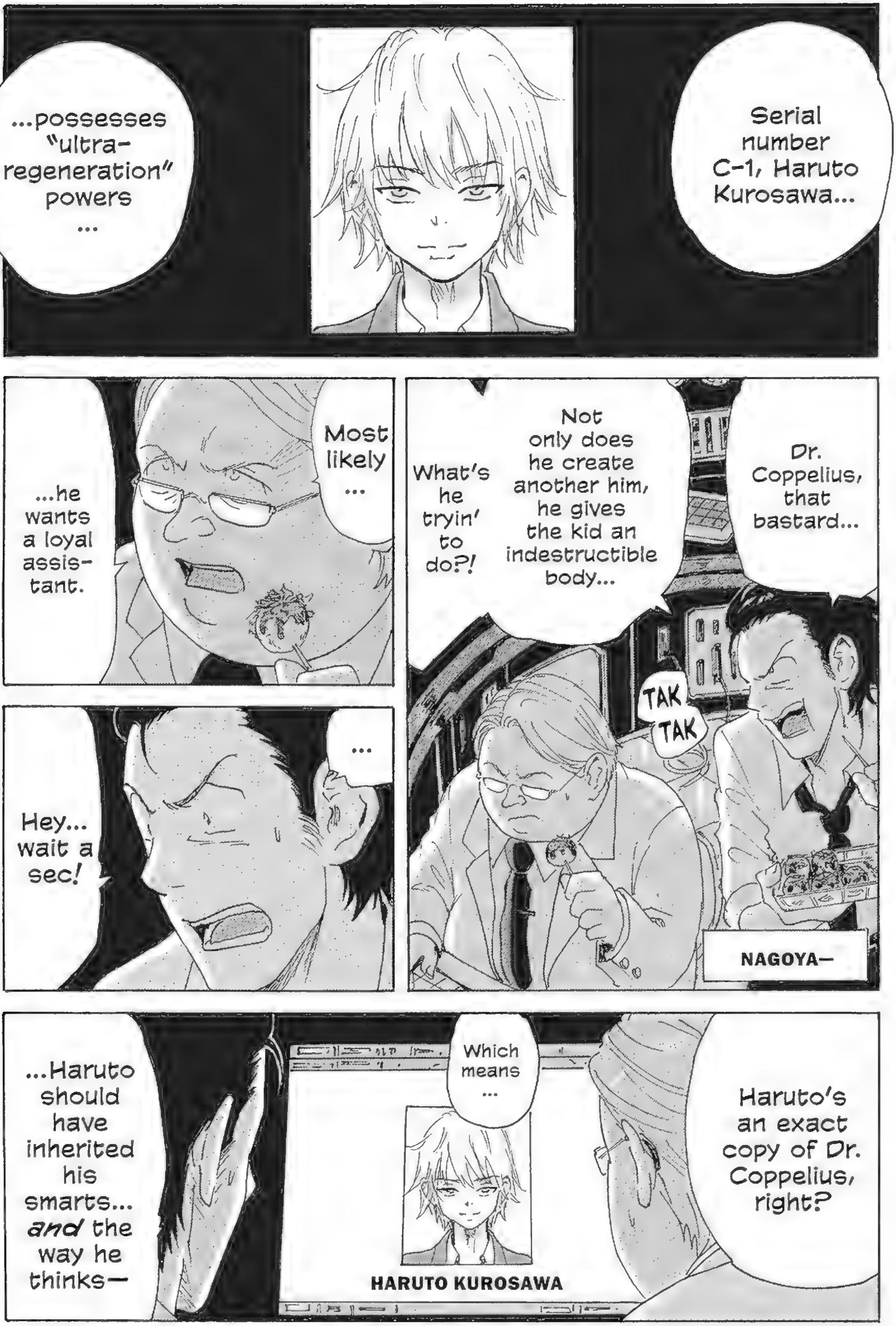

Haruto Kurosawa's special ability...
...is *ultra-regeneration!*
It can't be—

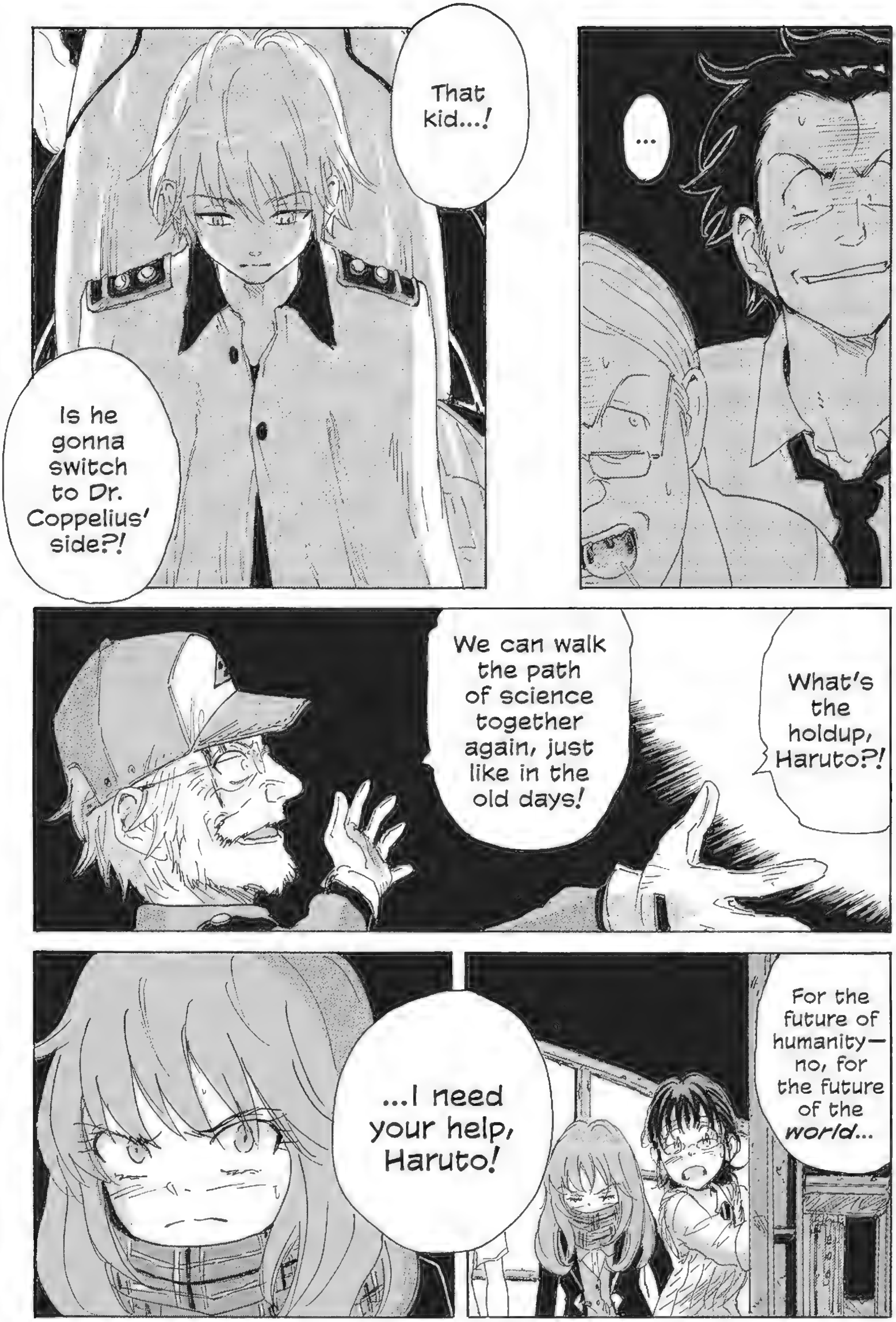

Long time no see...
...Dr. Coppelius.

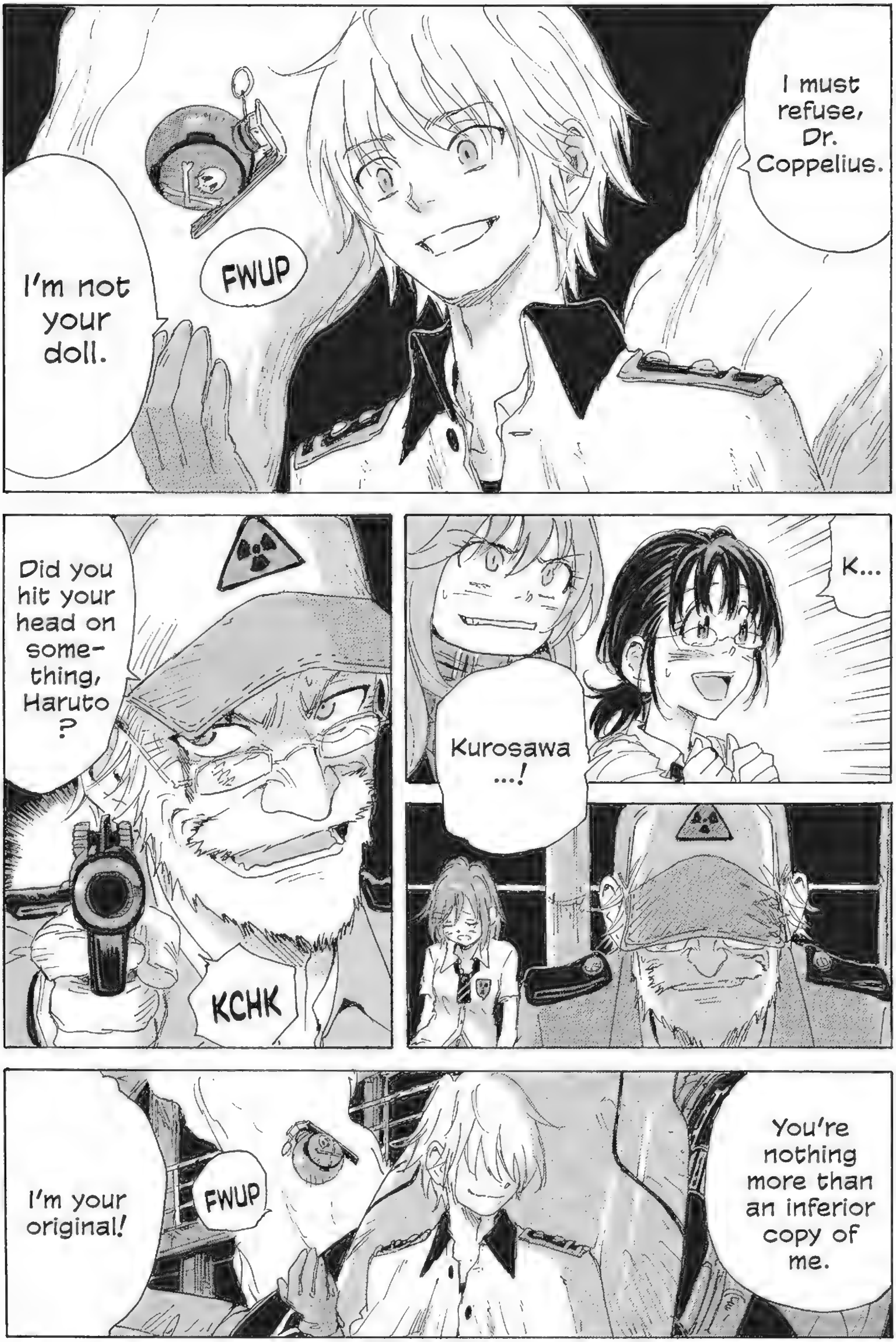
ゴ
RRR
ゴ
MMM
K...
Kuro-sawa?!
ズザ SLIDE
But that's impossible...!
He...
He gave up his life for the railway operation—

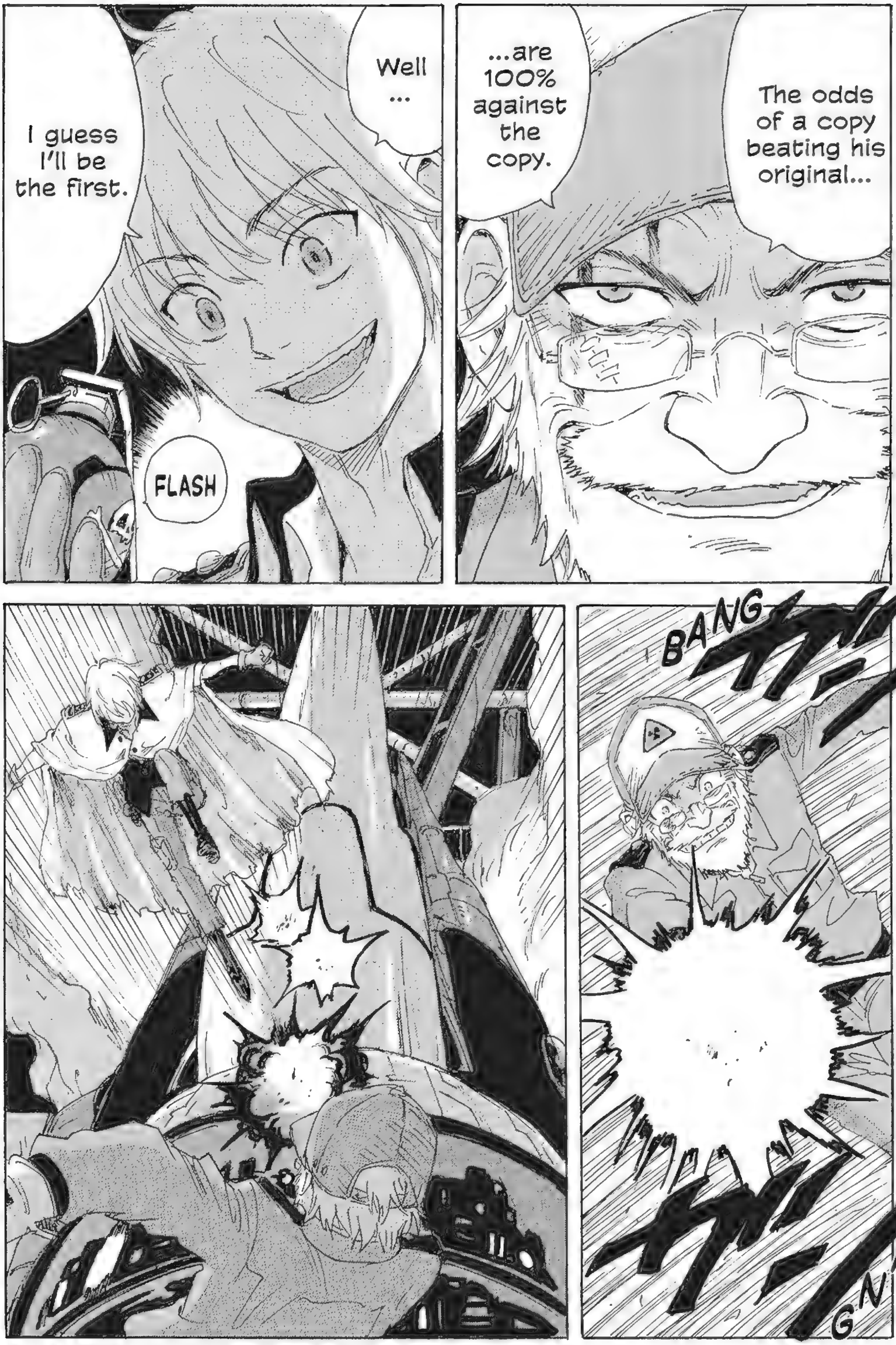

Huuuh? Like, there's no way Haruto would up and *die*.
He'd just come back to life. He's got mad regeneration powers, like a frickin' hydra!
Mhm, mhm!
SHIVER
Wh...
SHIVER
Why didn't you say so earlier?! Are you stupid?!
SHAKE SHAKE
Cuz you never asked!
Ibara...!
Kurosawa's alive!
Wake up, Ibara!

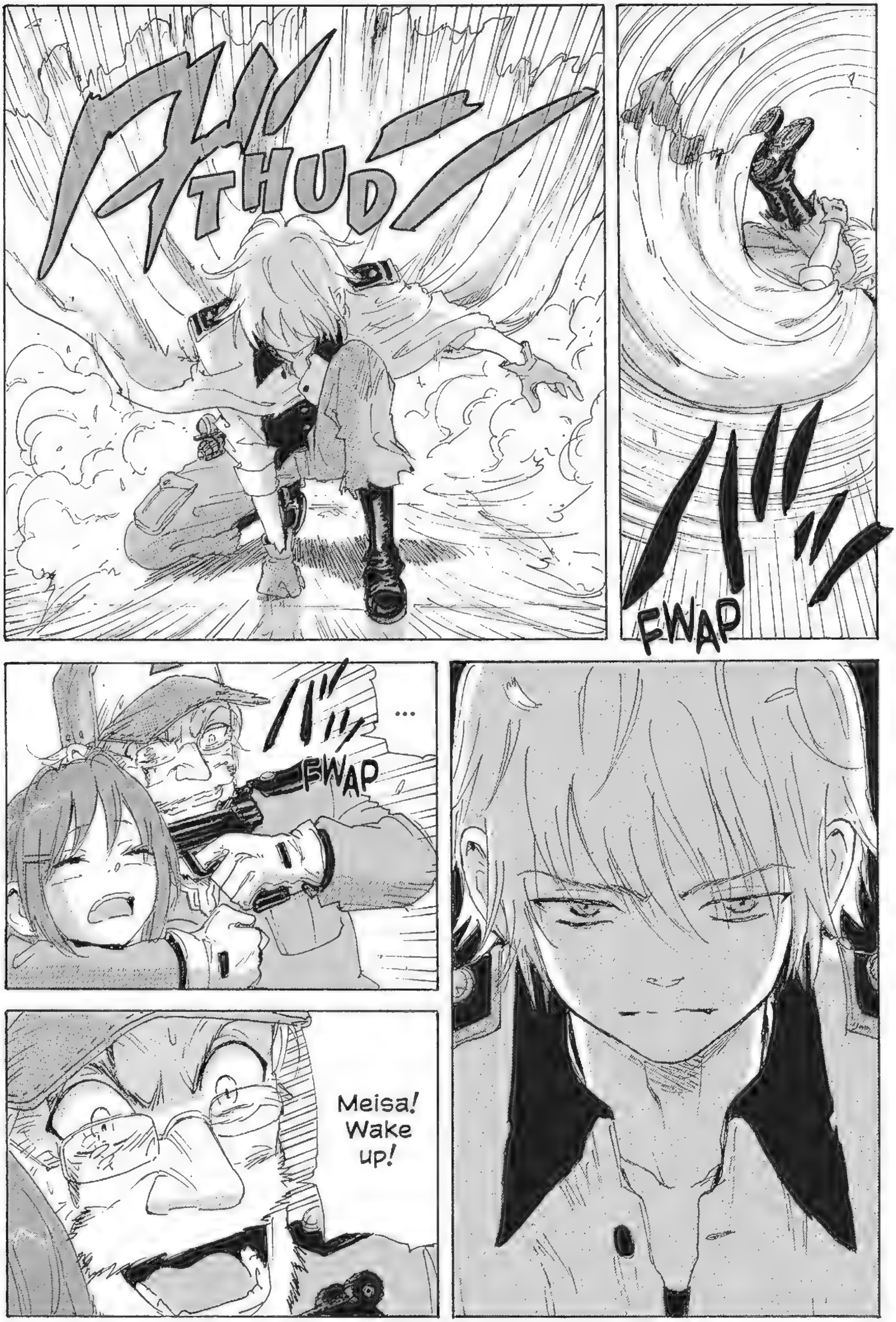

Haruto ...!
FWAP
I've missed you! How many years has it been ?!
You've grown into a fine young man!
You look just like the former me!
Perfect timing— I need your help!
It's no use talking to these female dolls!
I was right to create you...!
Come down here...
...my trustworthy other self!

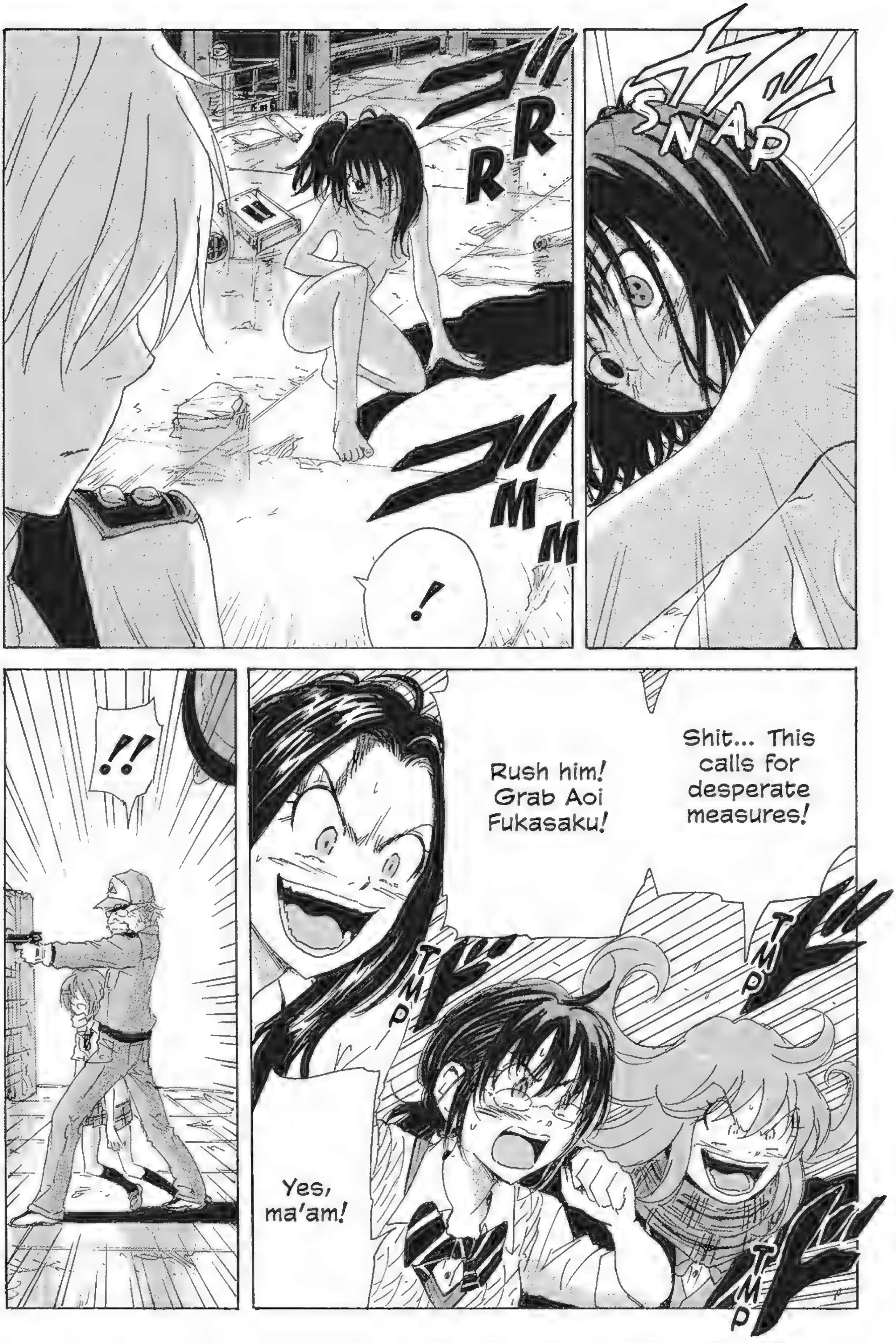

Serial number C-1, Haruto Kurosawa...
...possesses "ultra-regeneration" powers...
NAGOYA—
Dr. Coppelius, that bastard...
Not only does he create another him, he gives the kid an indestructible body...
What's he tryin' to do?!
TAK TAK
Most likely...
...he wants a loyal assistant.
...
Hey... wait a sec!
Haruto's an exact copy of Dr. Coppelius, right?
Which means...
HARUTO KUROSAWA
...Haruto should have inherited his smarts... *and* the way he thinks—

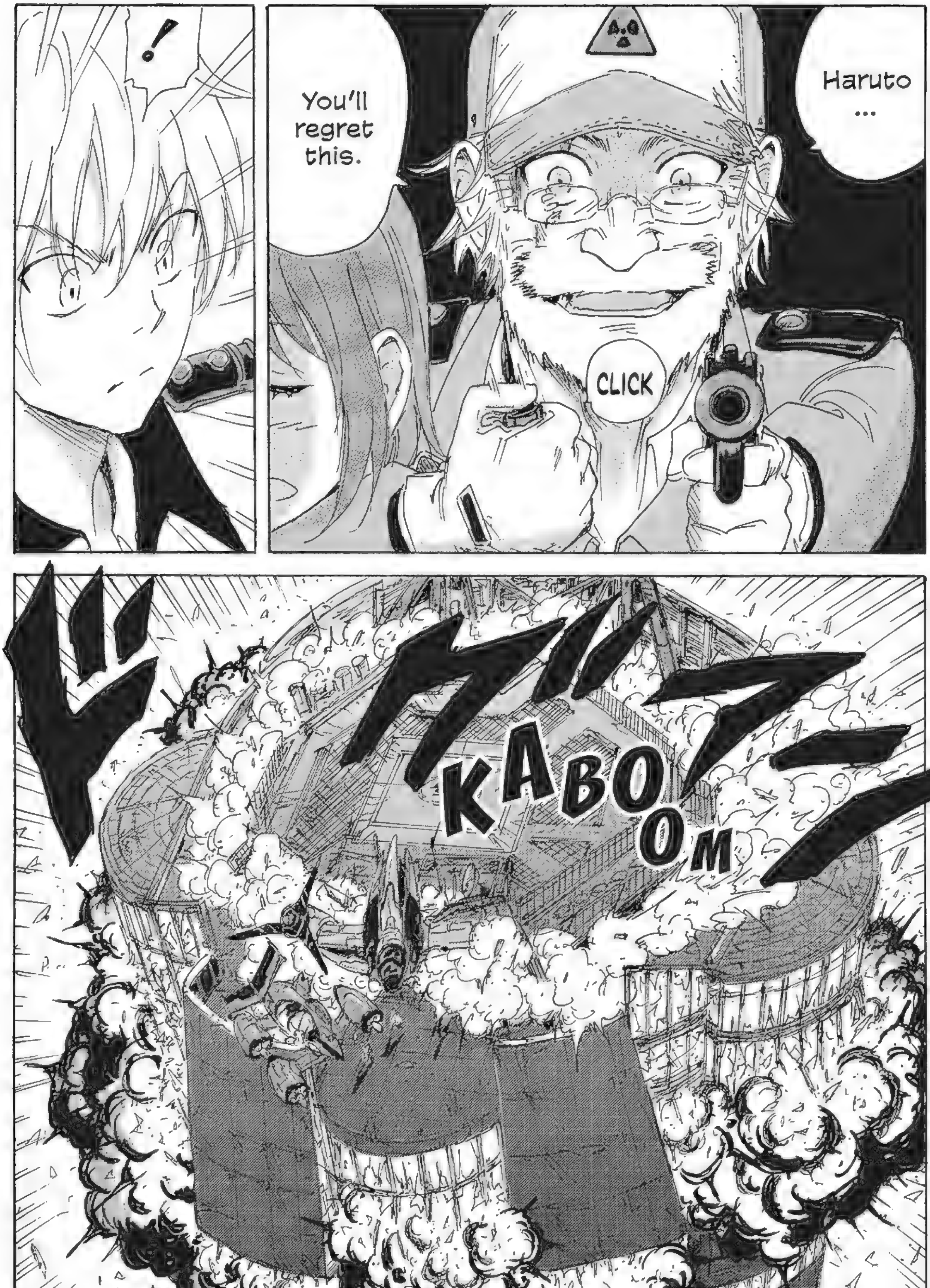

...
That kid...!
Is he gonna switch to Dr. Coppelius' side?!
What's the holdup, Haruto?!
We can walk the path of science together again, just like in the old days!
For the future of humanity—no, for the future of the *world*...
...I need your help, Haruto!

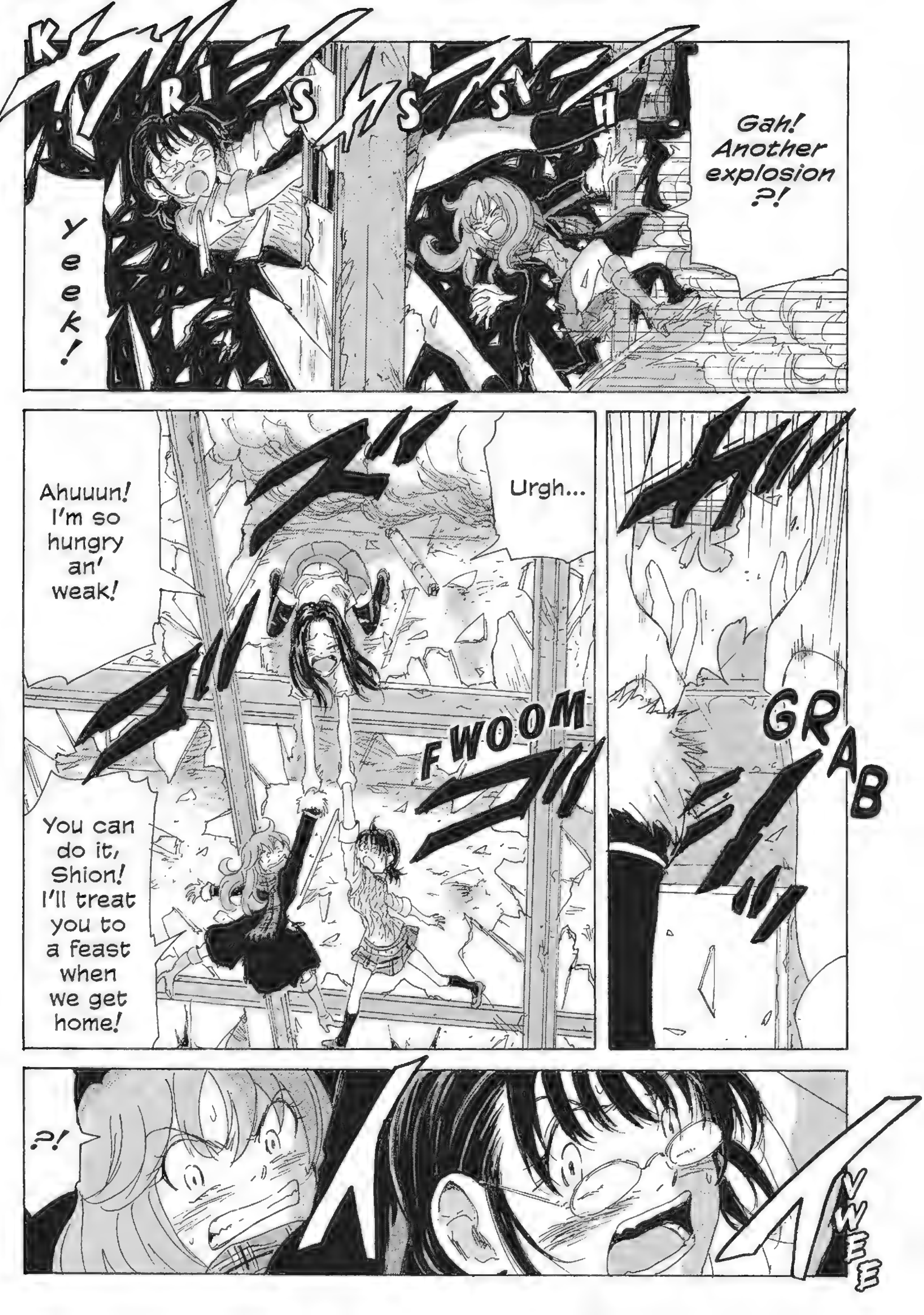

I must refuse, Dr. Coppelius.
FWUP
I'm not your doll.
K...
Kurosawa ...!
Did you hit your head on some-thing, Haruto?
KCHK
You're nothing more than an inferior copy of me.
FWUP
I'm your original!

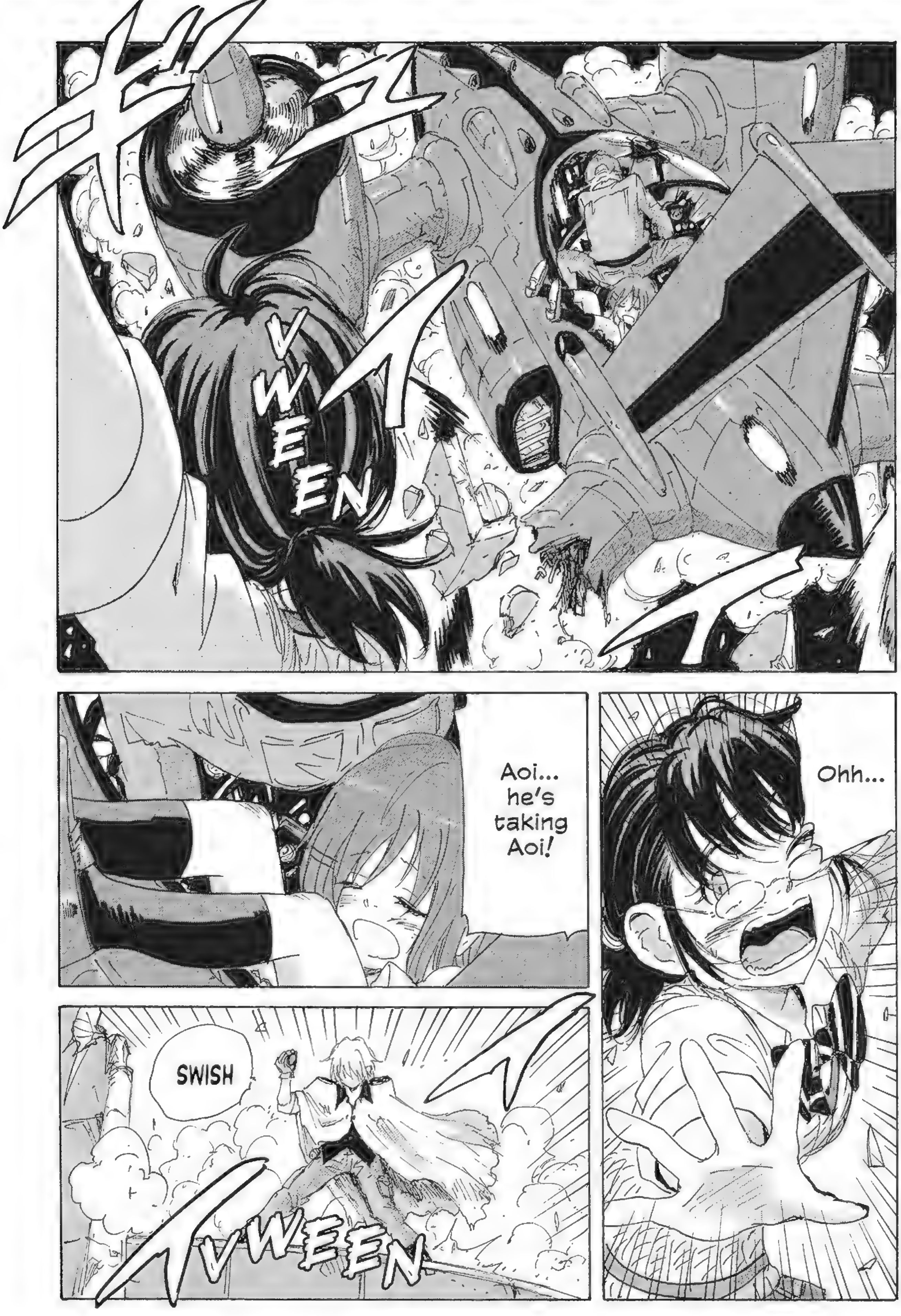

The odds of a copy beating his original...
...are 100% against the copy.
Well ...
I guess I'll be the first.
FLASH
BANG
GNAB

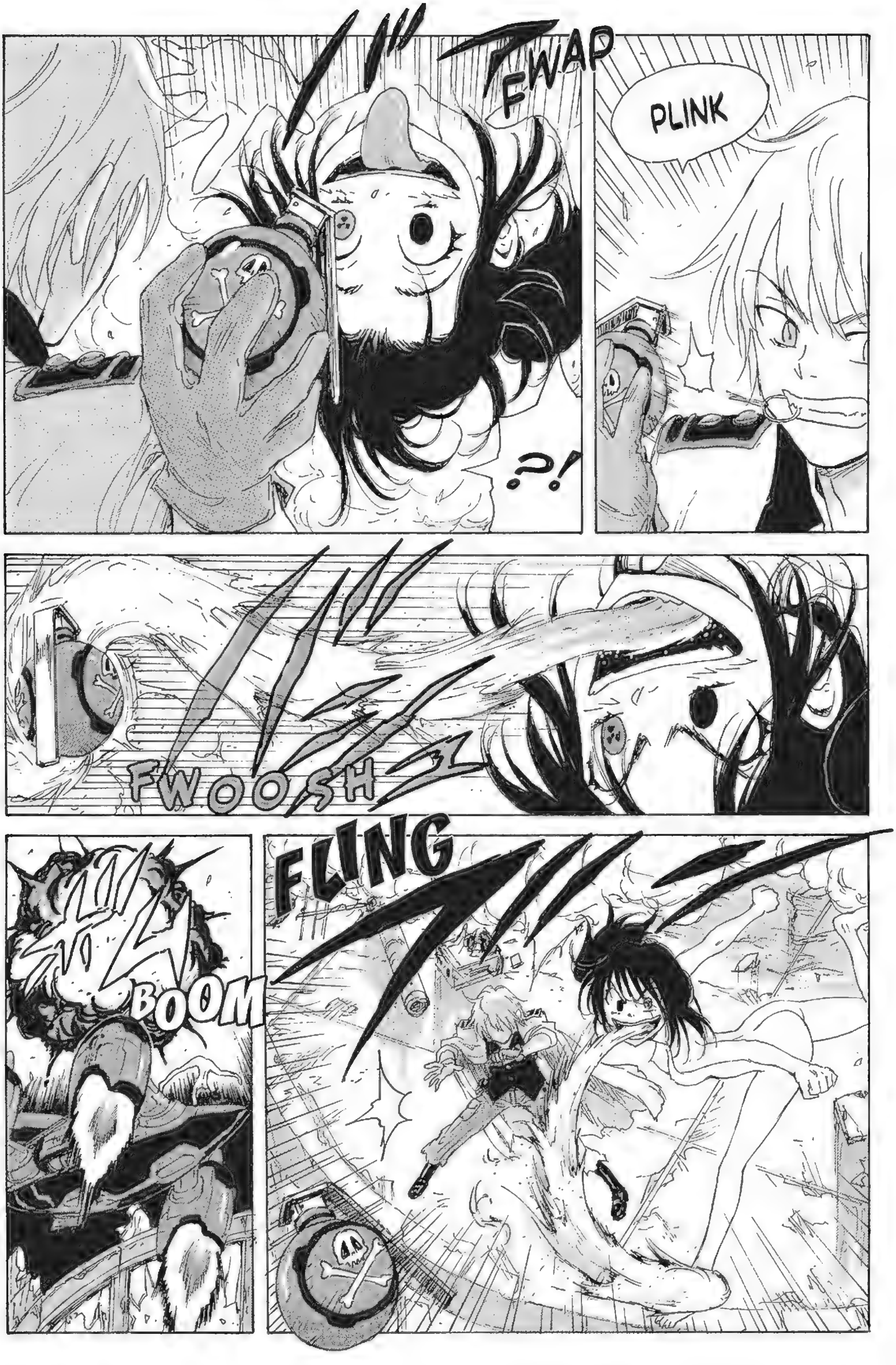

FWAP
THUD
FWAP
...
Meisa! Wake up!

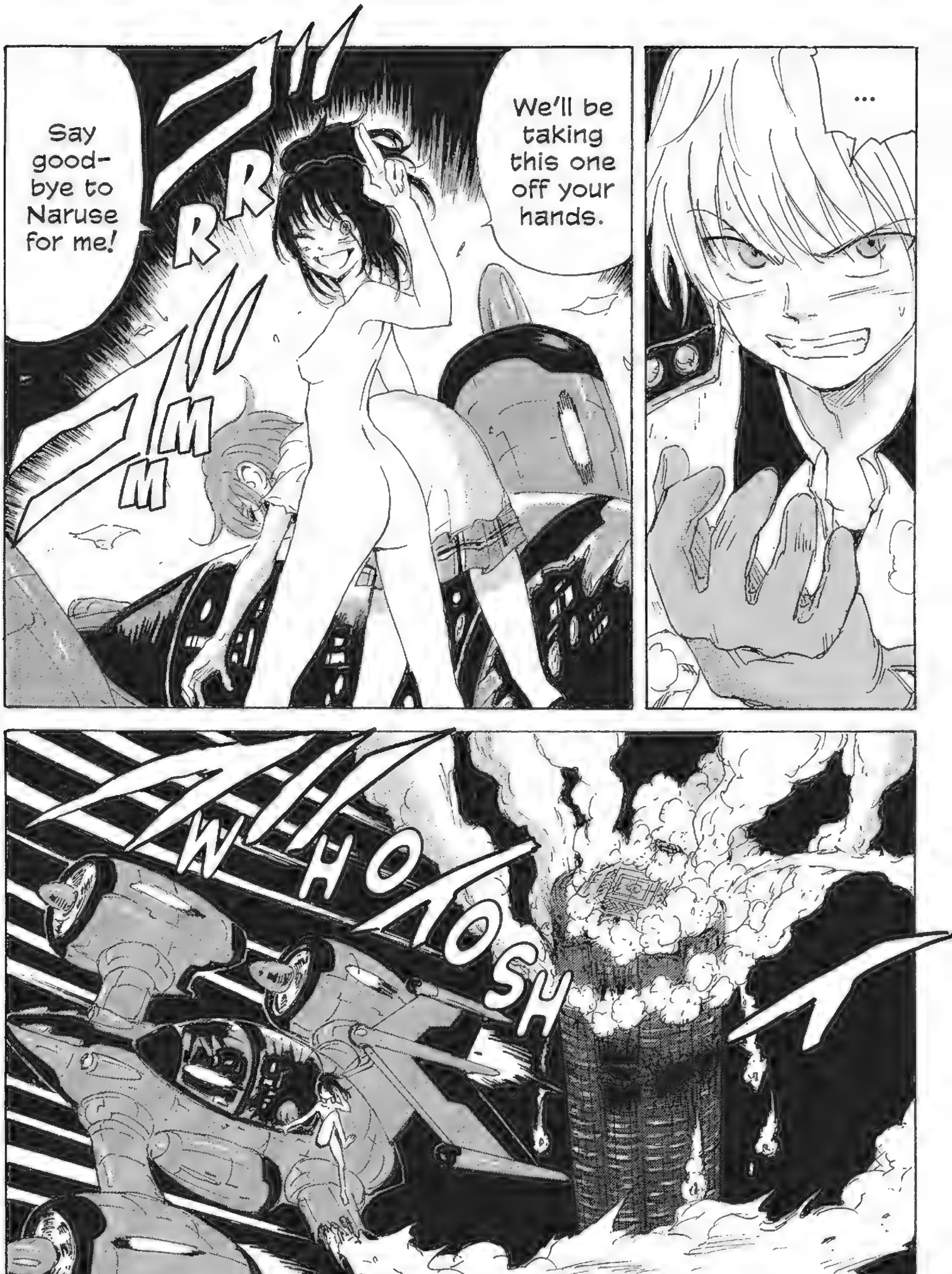

SNAP
RRR
MMM
!
Shit... This calls for desperate measures!
Rush him! Grab Aoi Fukasaku!
Yes, ma'am!
TMP
TMP
TMP
!!

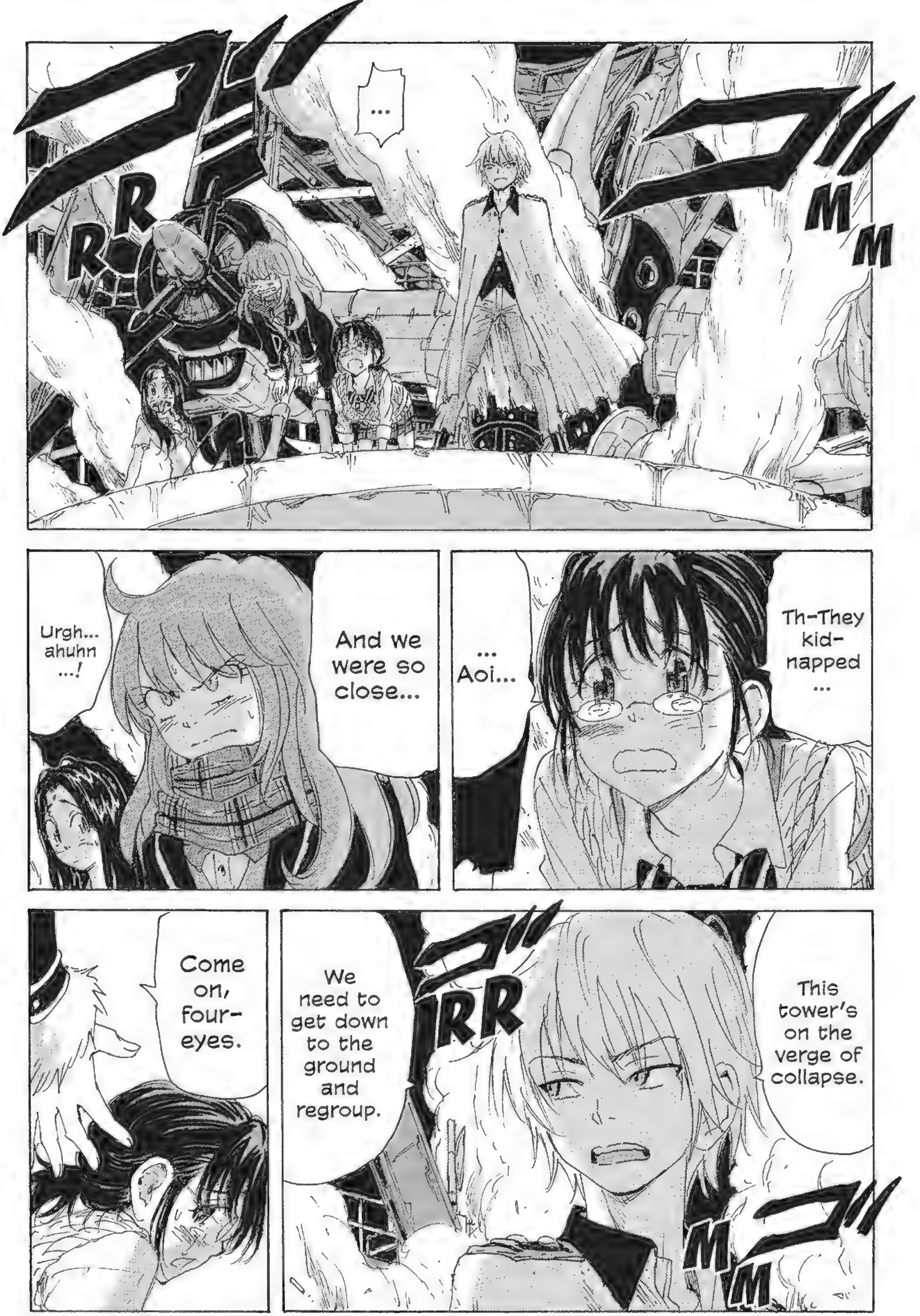

Haruto ...
You'll regret this.
CLICK
!
KABOOM

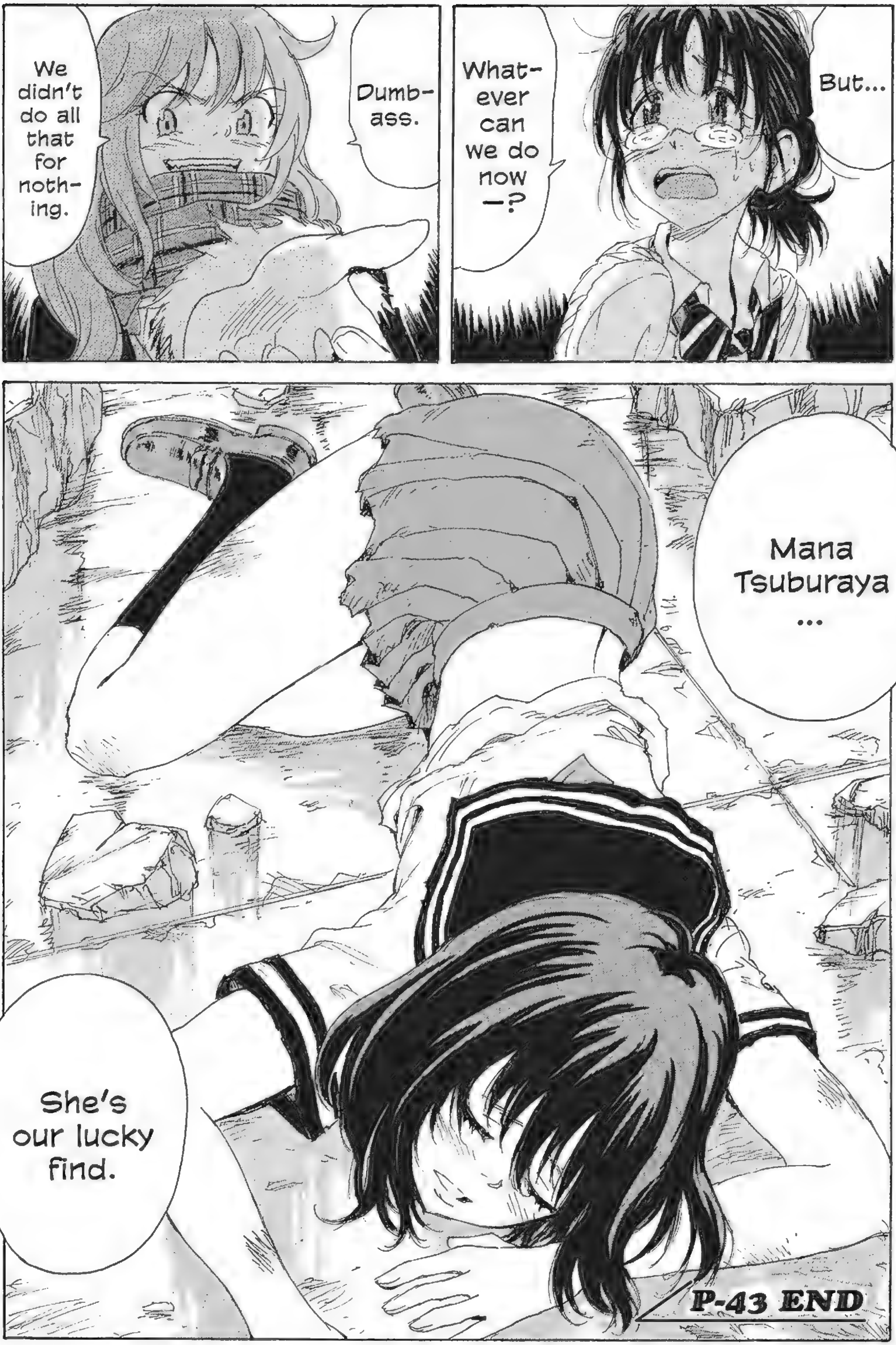

KRISSH
Gah! Another explosion?!
yeeek!
GRAB
Urgh...
Ahuuun! I'm so hungry an' weak!
FWOOM
You can do it, Shion! I'll treat you to a feast when we get home!
VWEE
?!


VWEEN
Ohh...
Aoi... he's taking Aoi!
SWISH
VWEEN

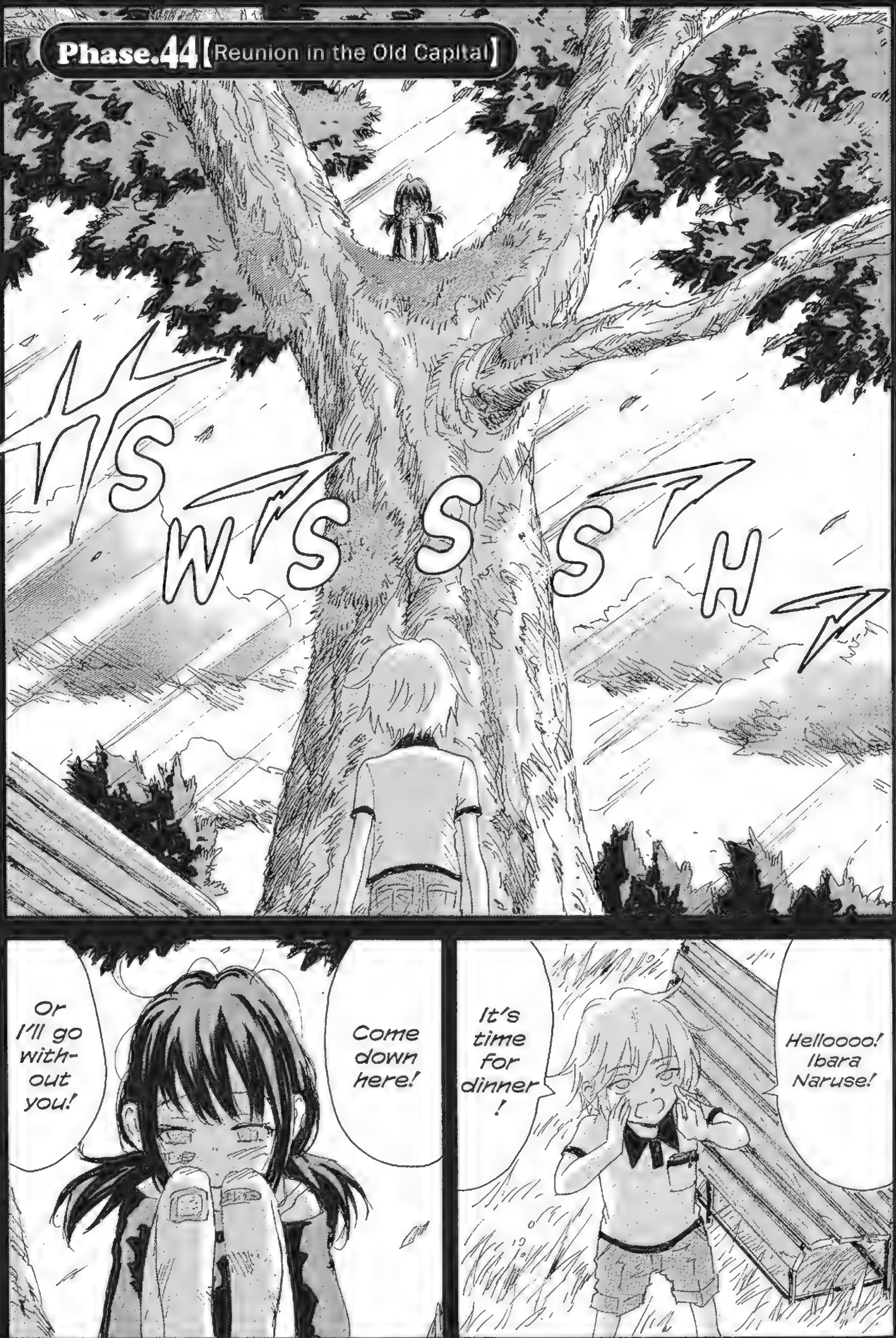

PLINK
FWAP
?!
FWOOSH
FLING
BOOM

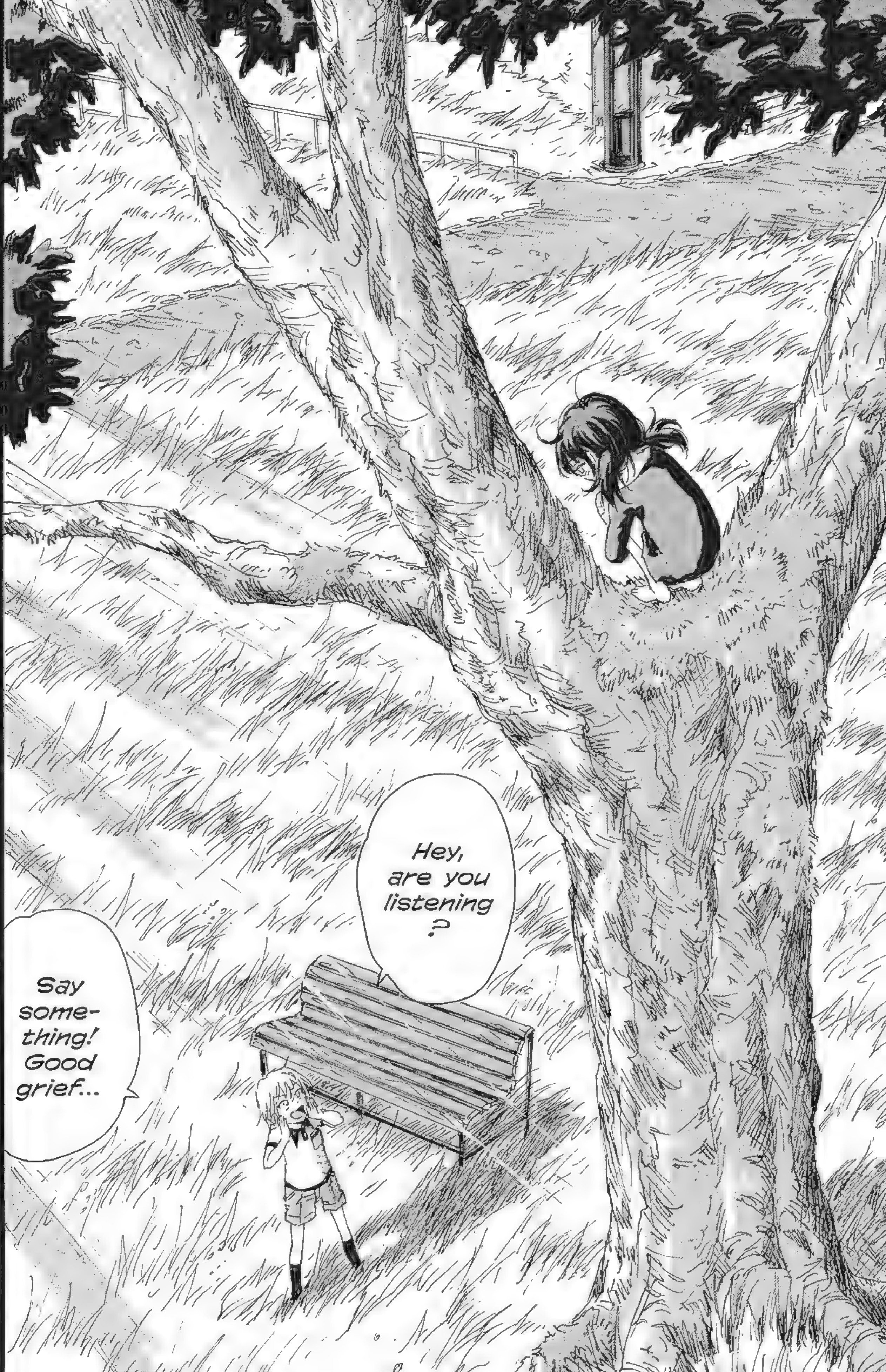

...
We'll be taking this one off your hands.
Say good-bye to Naruse for me!
ZRR
ZMM
WHOOOSH

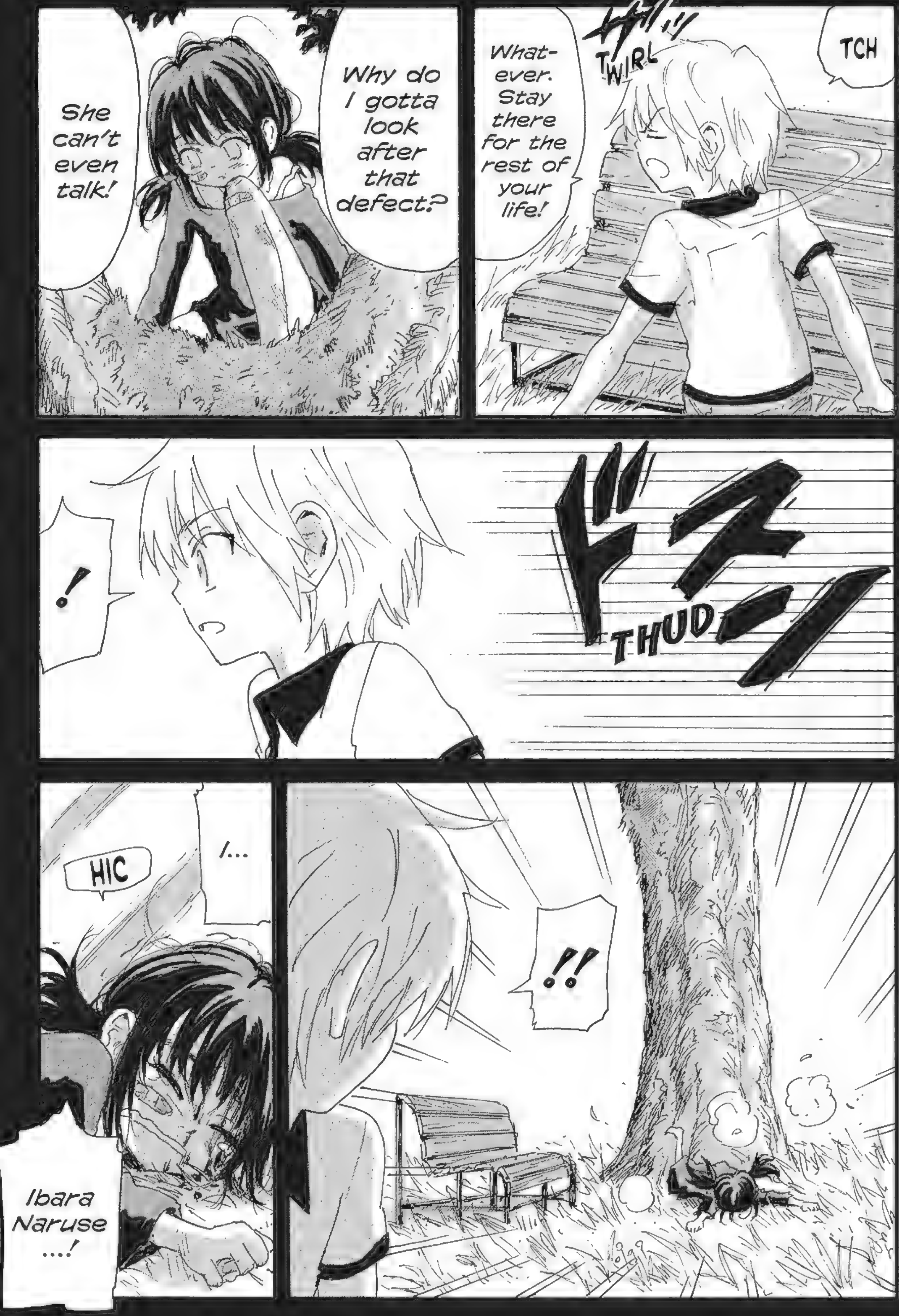

MMM
RRR
...
Th-They kid-napped ...
... Aoi...
And we were so close...
Urgh... ahuhn ...!
This tower's on the verge of collapse.
RR
MMM
We need to get down to the ground and regroup.
Come on, four-eyes.

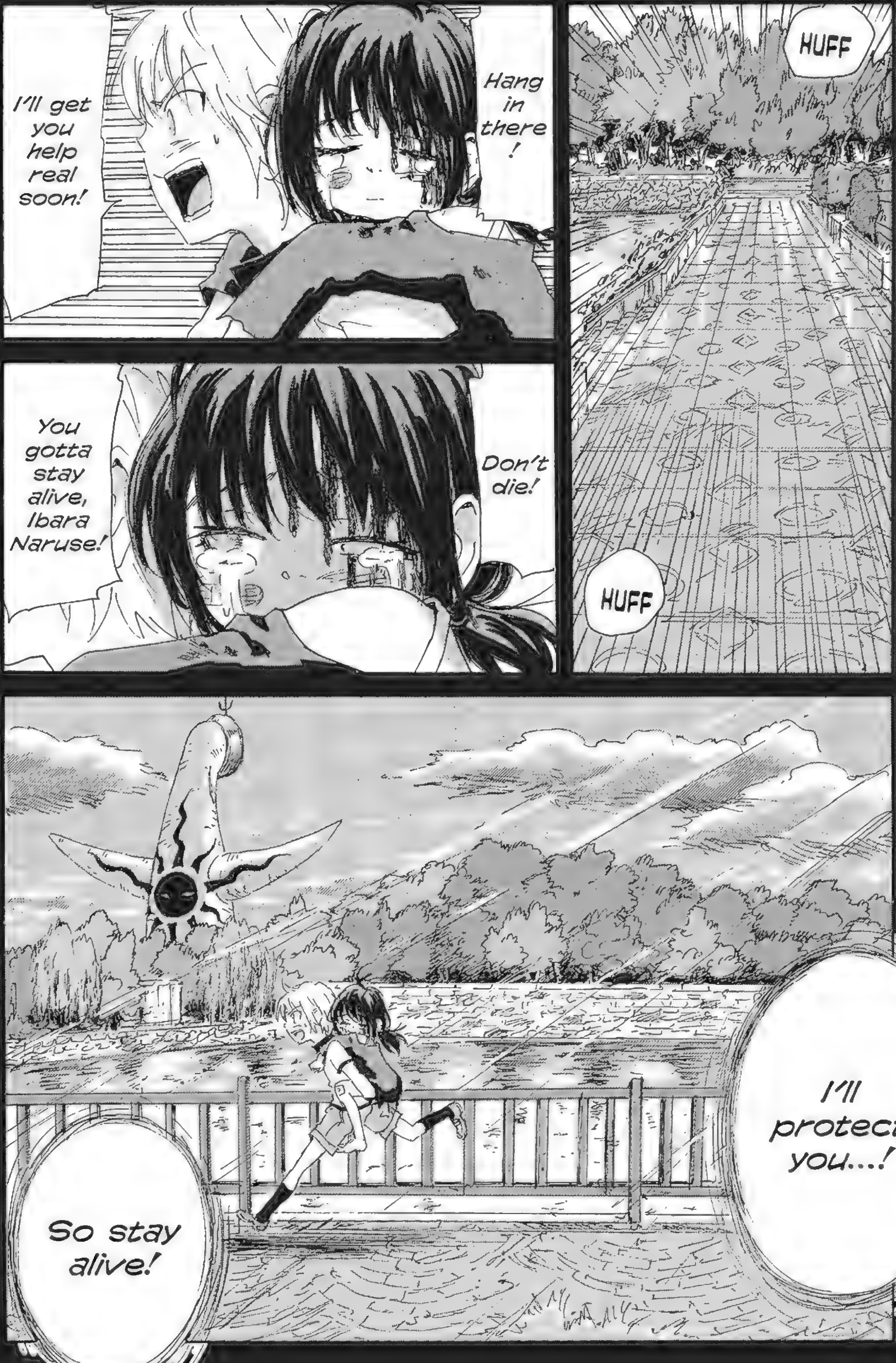

But...
Whatever can we do now—?
Dumbass.
We didn't do all that for nothing.
Mana Tsuburaya...
She's our lucky find.
P-43 END

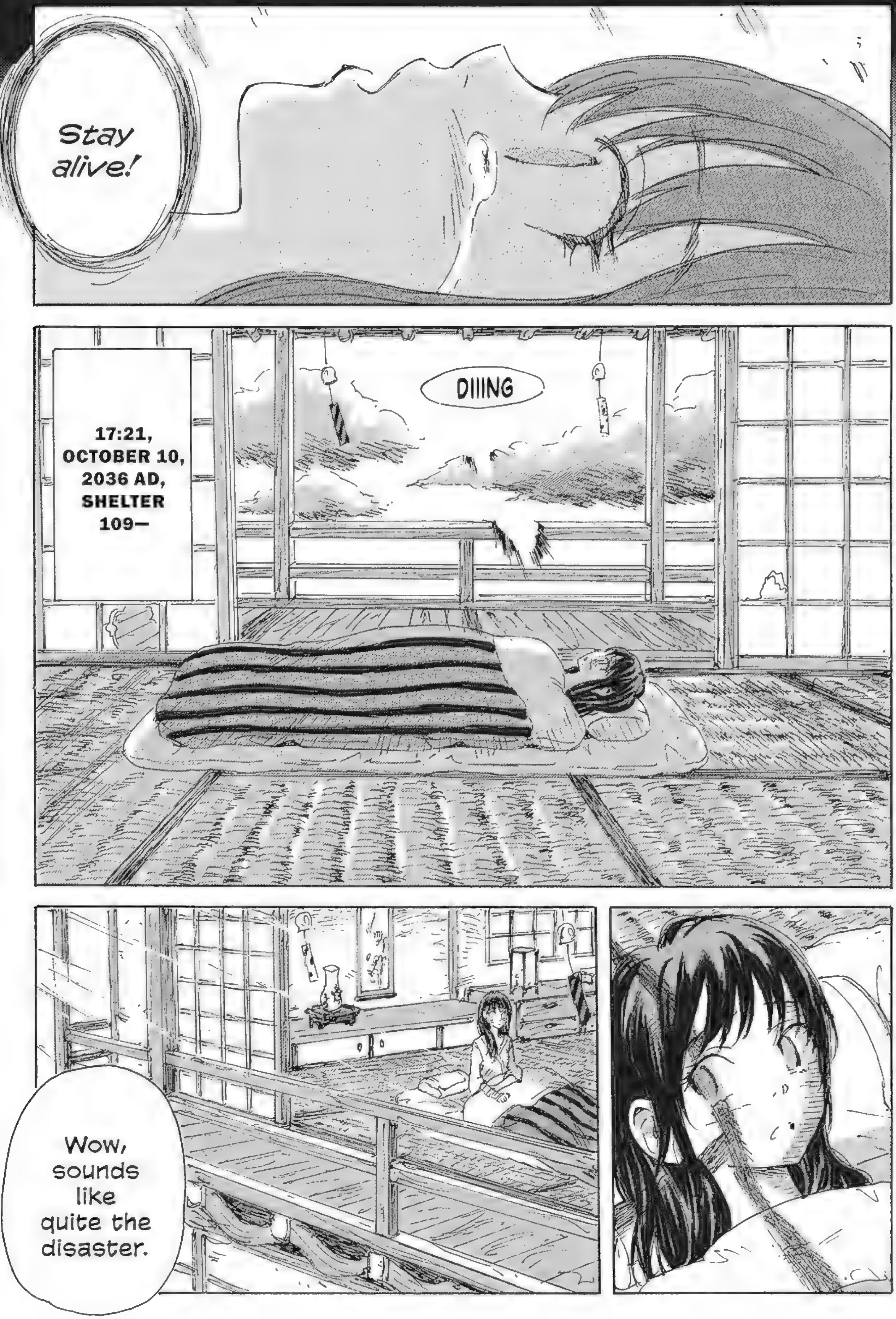
Phase.44 [Reunion in the Old Capital]

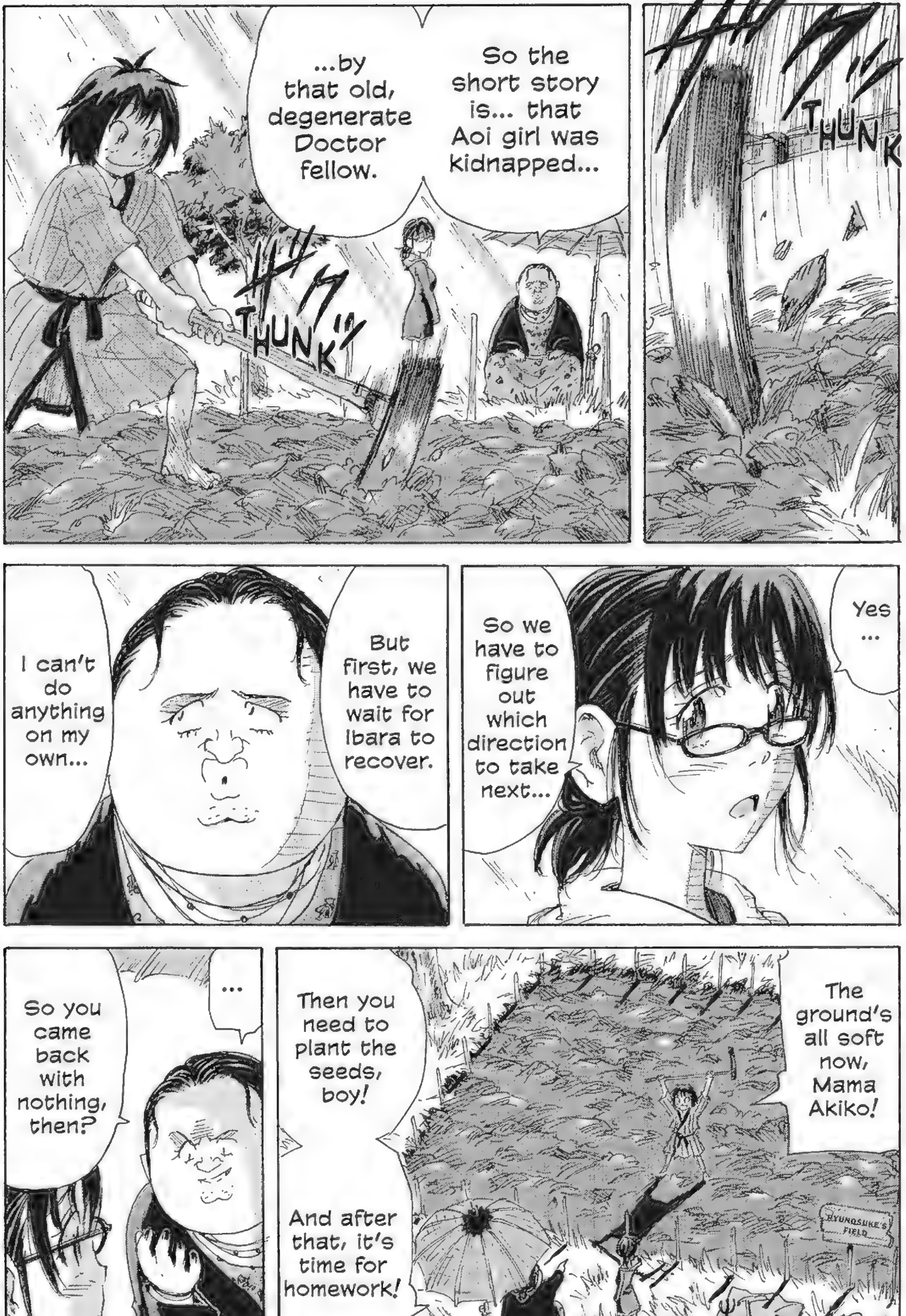

SWISSSH
Helloooo! Ibara Naruse!
It's time for dinner!
Come down here!
Or I'll go without you!

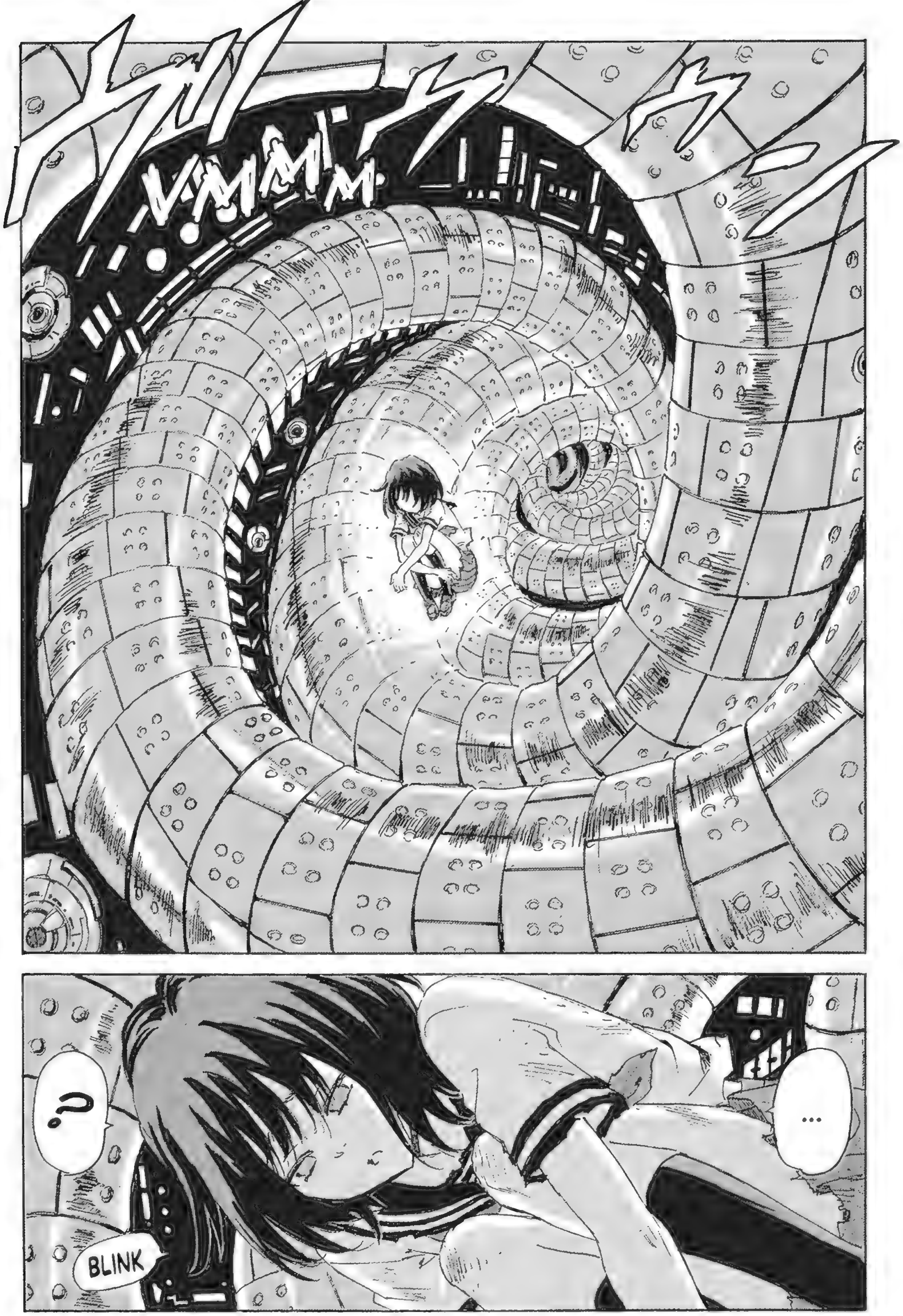

Hey, are you listening?
Say something! Good grief...

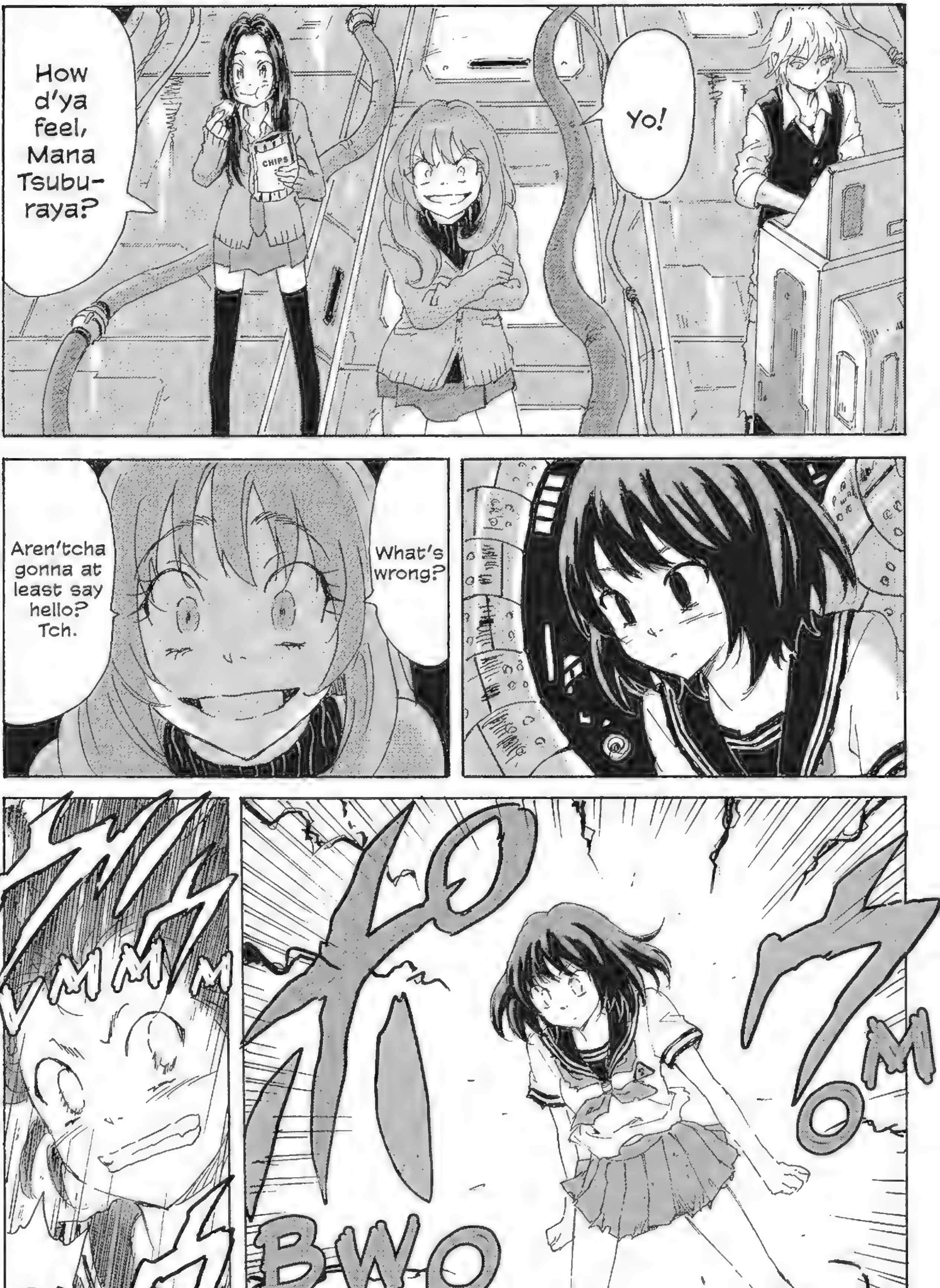

TCH
TWIRL
Whatever. Stay there for the rest of your life!
Why do I gotta look after that defect?
She can't even talk!
ドスッ
THUD
!
!!
I...
HIC
Ibara Naruse ...!

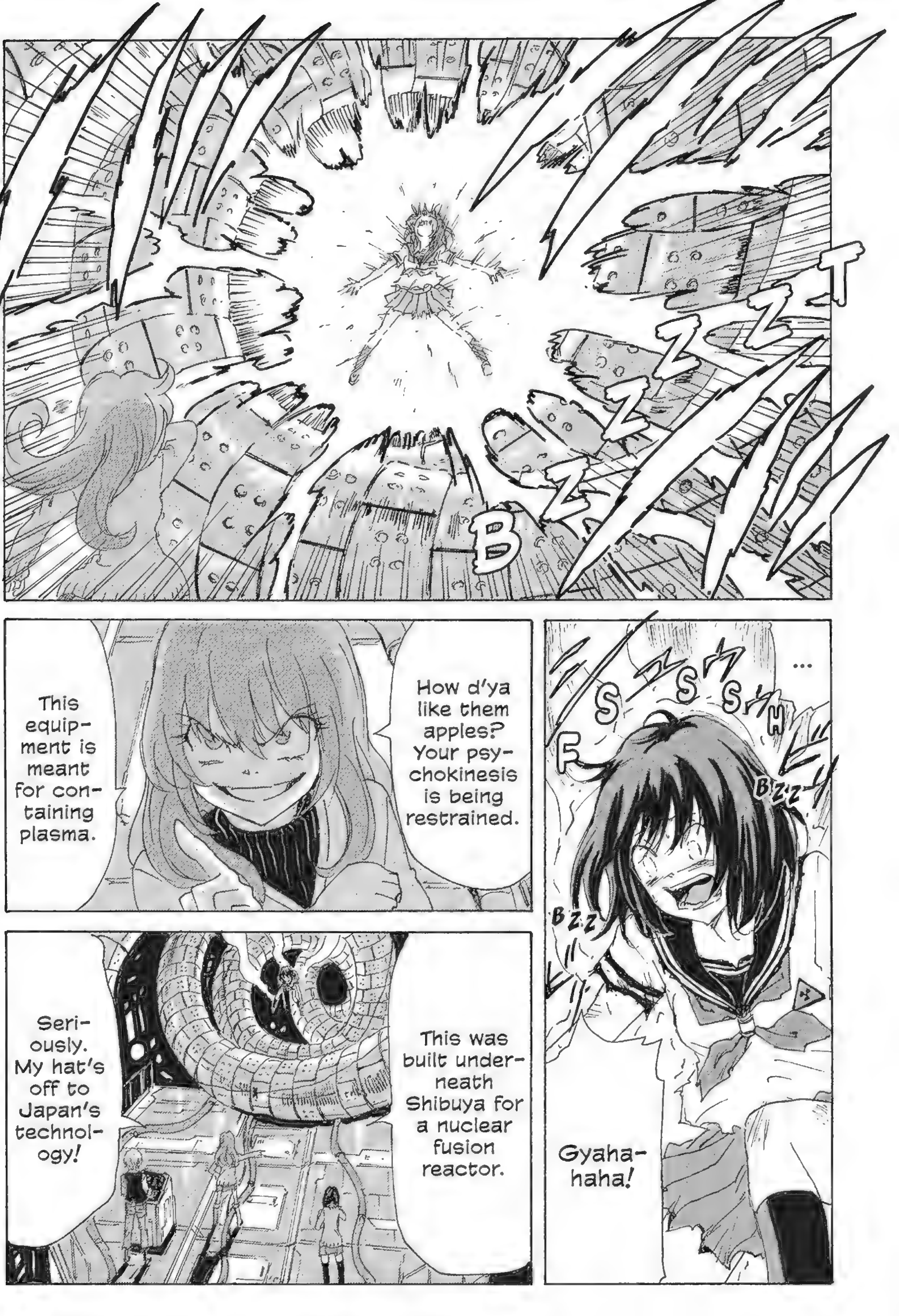

HUFF
HUFF
Hang in there!
I'll get you help real soon!
Don't die!
You gotta stay alive, Ibara Naruse!
I'll protect you...!
So stay alive!

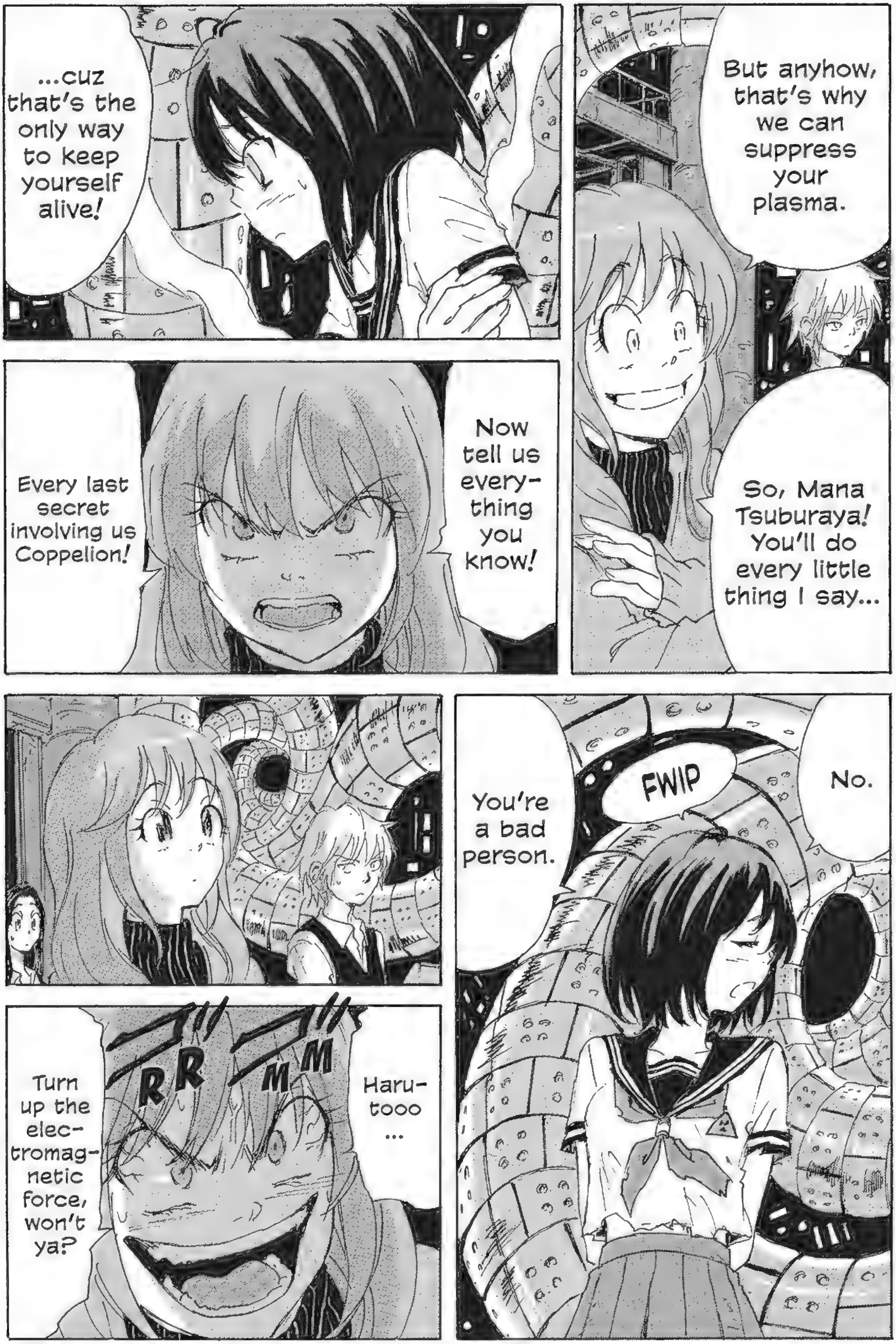

Stay alive!
17:21, OCTOBER 10, 2036 AD, SHELTER 109—
DIIING
Wow, sounds like quite the disaster.

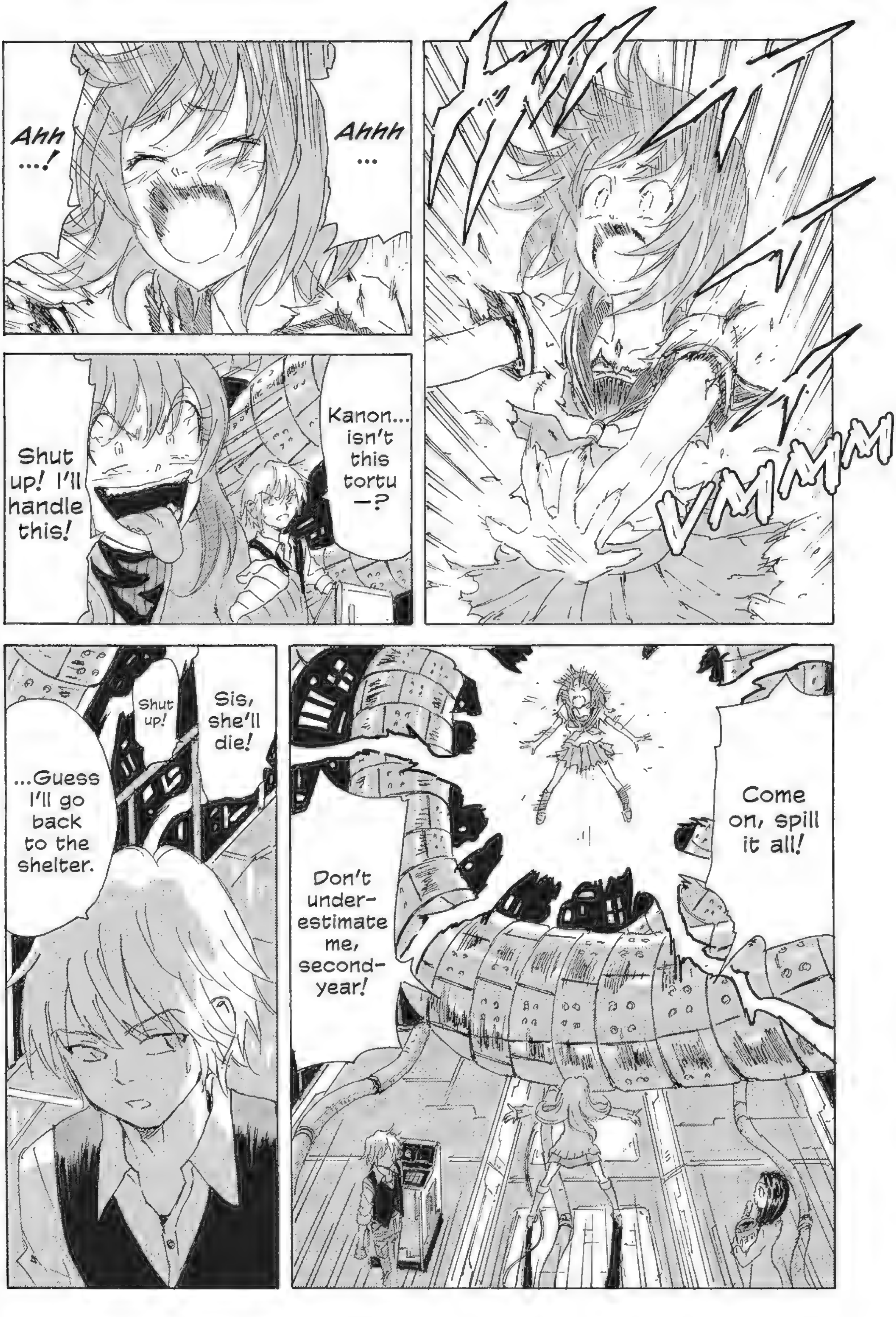

THUNK
So the short story is... that Aoi girl was kidnapped...
...by that old, degenerate Doctor fellow.
THUNK
Yes ...
So we have to figure out which direction to take next...
But first, we have to wait for Ibara to recover.
I can't do anything on my own...
The ground's all soft now, Mama Akiko!
RYUNOSUKE'S FIELD
Then you need to plant the seeds, boy!
And after that, it's time for homework!
...
So you came back with nothing, then?

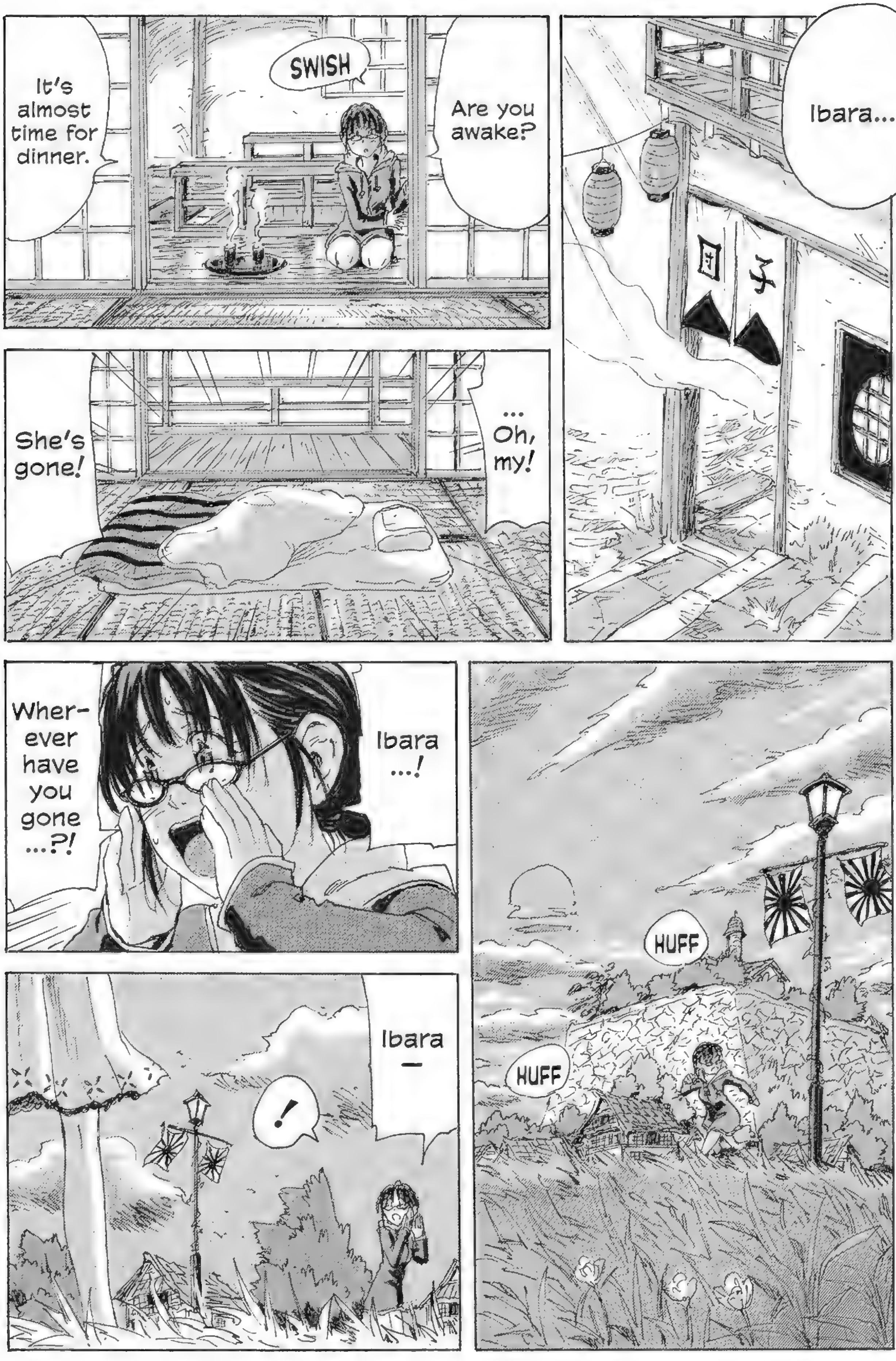

VMMMM
...
?
BLINK

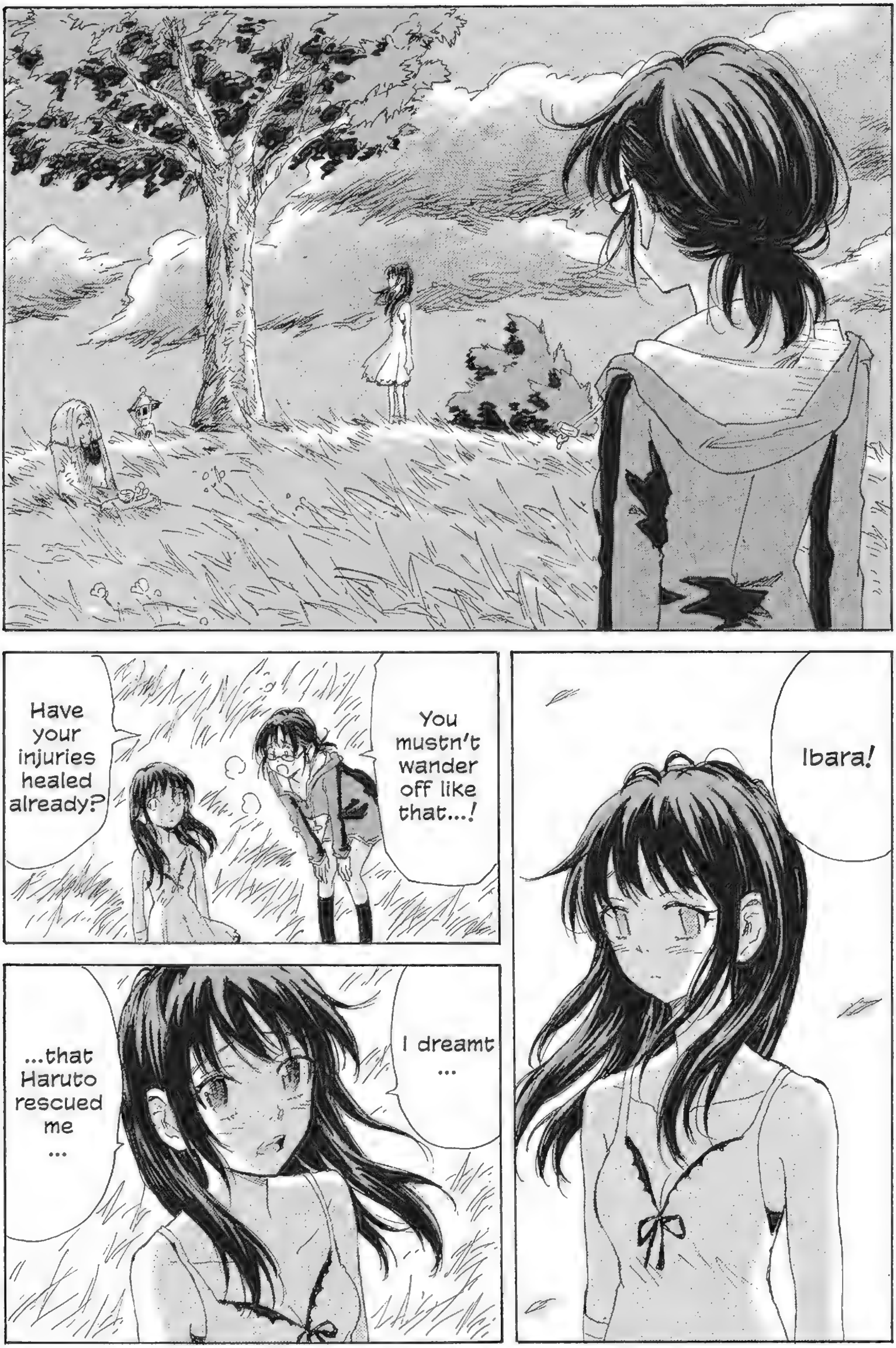

Yo!
How d'ya feel, Mana Tsuburaya?
What's wrong?
Aren'tcha gonna at least say hello? Tch.
BWOOM
VMMMM
?!

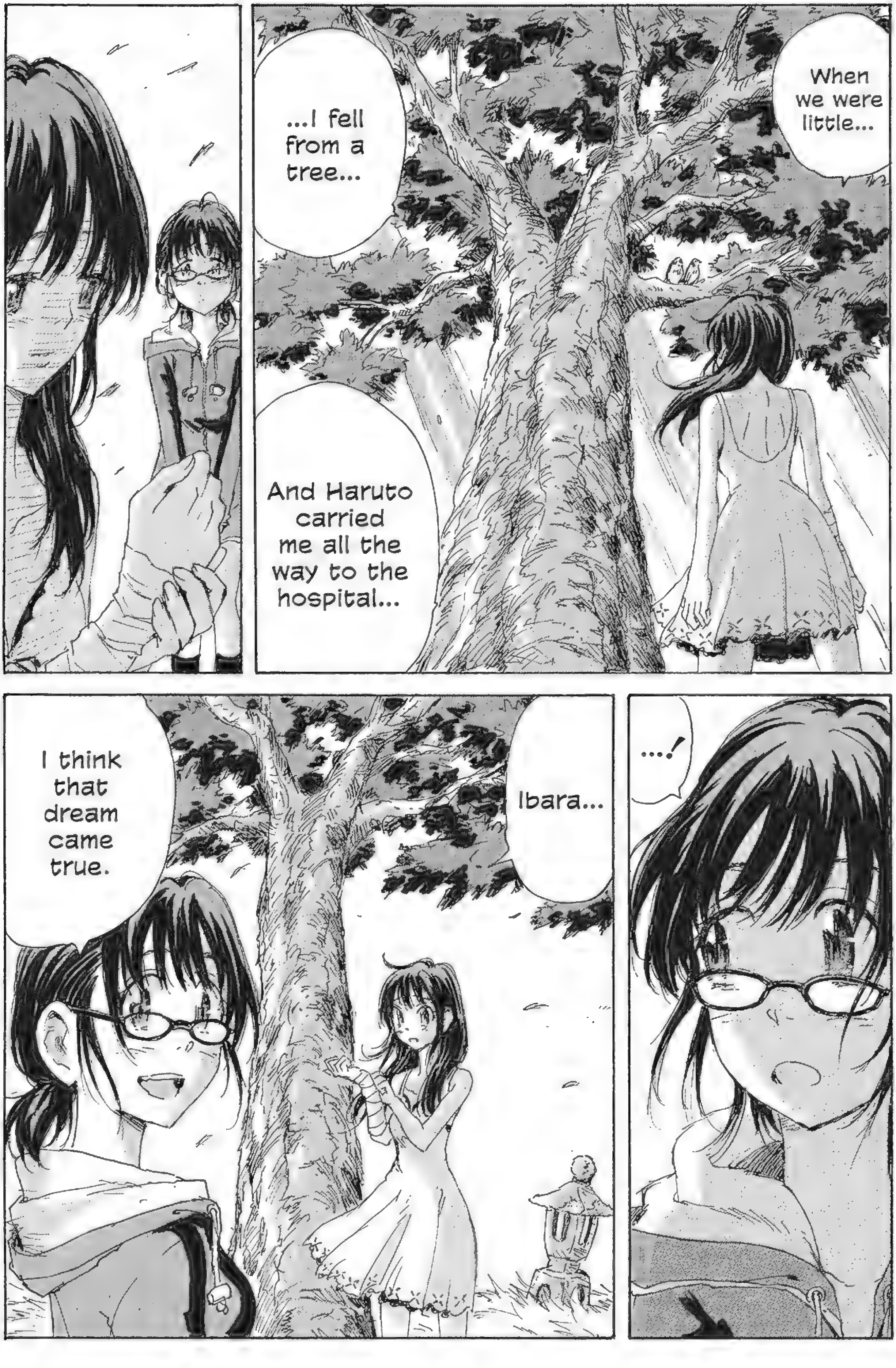

BZZZZT
FSSSSH
BZZ
...
BZZ
Gyahahaha!
How d'ya like them apples? Your psychokinesis is being restrained.
This equipment is meant for containing plasma.
This was built underneath Shibuya for a nuclear fusion reactor.
Seriously. My hat's off to Japan's technology!

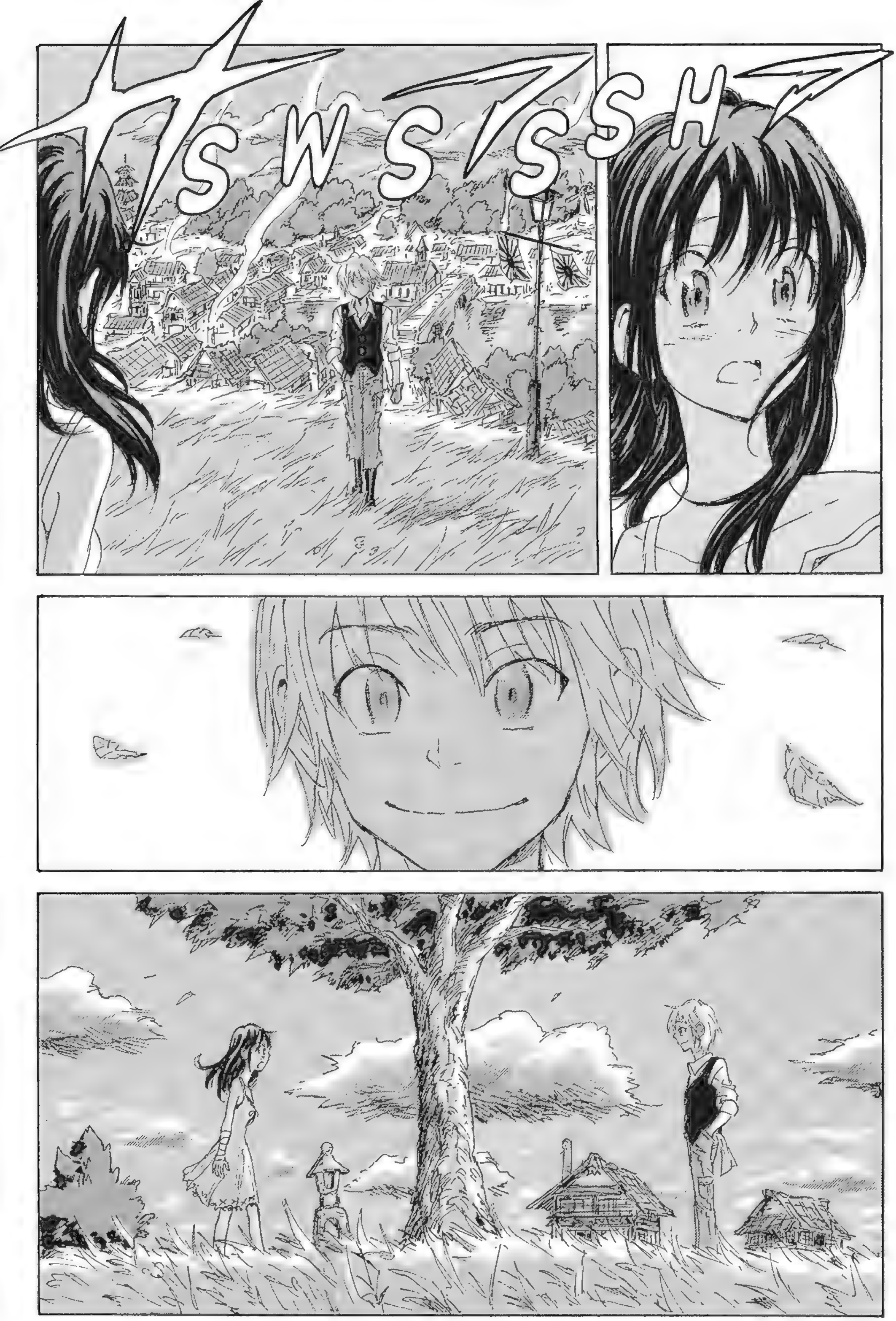

But anyhow, that's why we can suppress your plasma.
So, Mana Tsuburaya! You'll do every little thing I say...
...cuz that's the only way to keep yourself alive!
Now tell us everything you know!
Every last secret involving us Coppelion!
No.
FWIP
You're a bad person.
Haru-tooo...
RRMM
Turn up the electromagnetic force, won't ya?

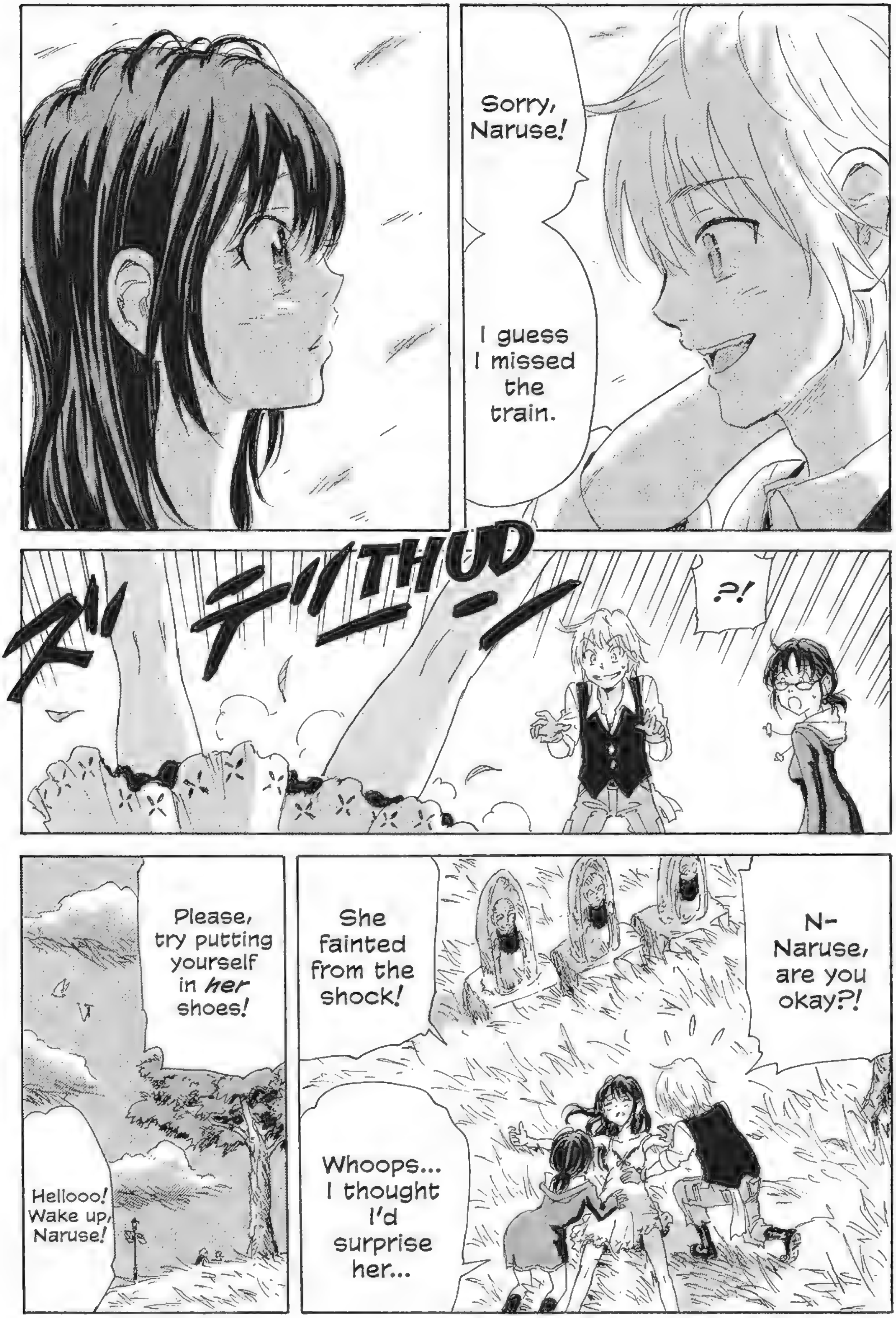

VMMMM
Ahhh...
Ahh...!
Kanon... isn't this tortu—?
Shut up! I'll handle this!
Come on, spill it all!
Don't under-estimate me, second-year!
Sis, she'll die!
Shut up!
...Guess I'll go back to the shelter.

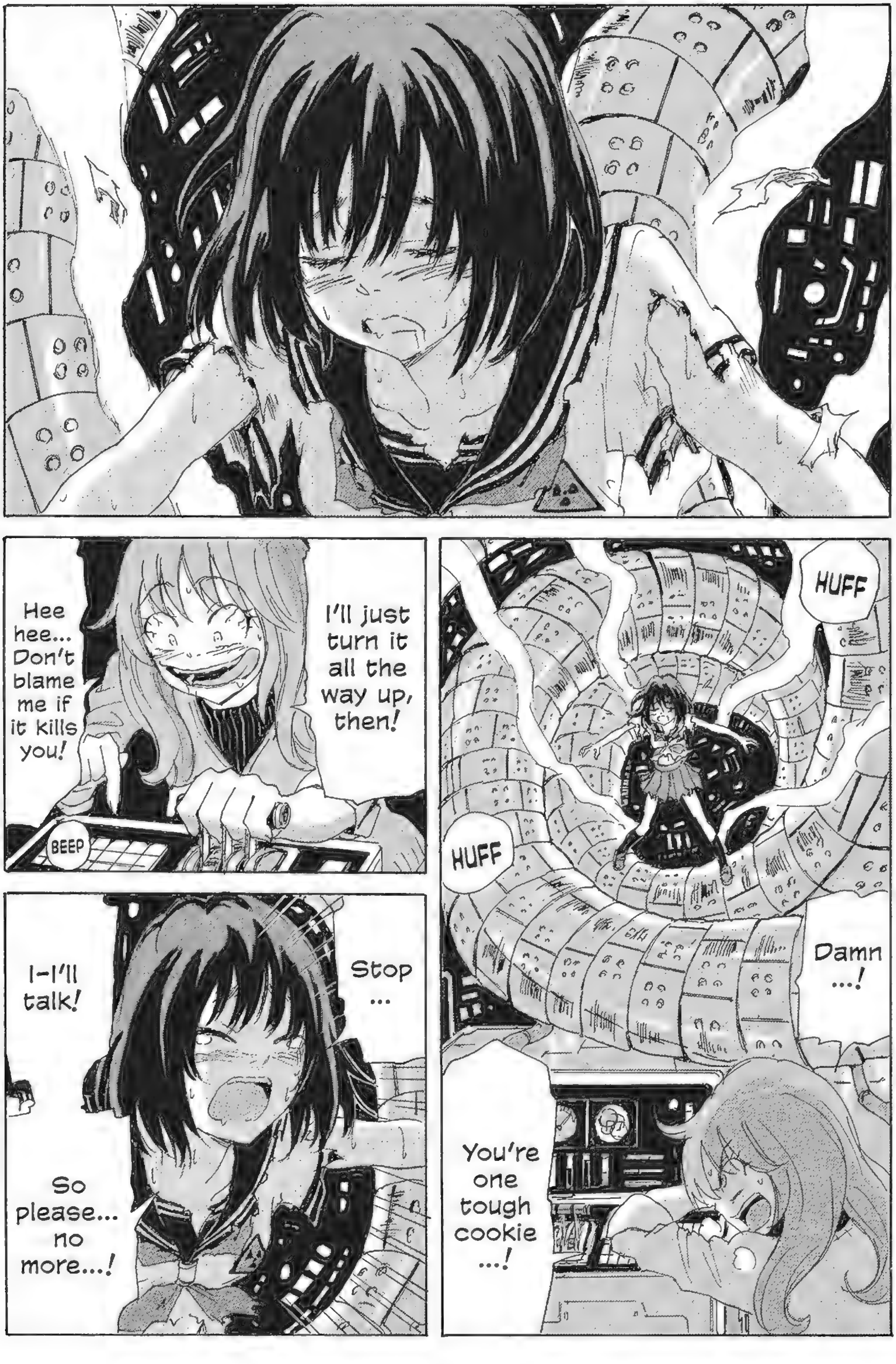

SWISH
Are you awake?
It's almost time for dinner.
...Oh, my!
She's gone!
Ibara...
HUFF
HUFF
Ibara...!
Wherever have you gone...?!
Ibara—
!

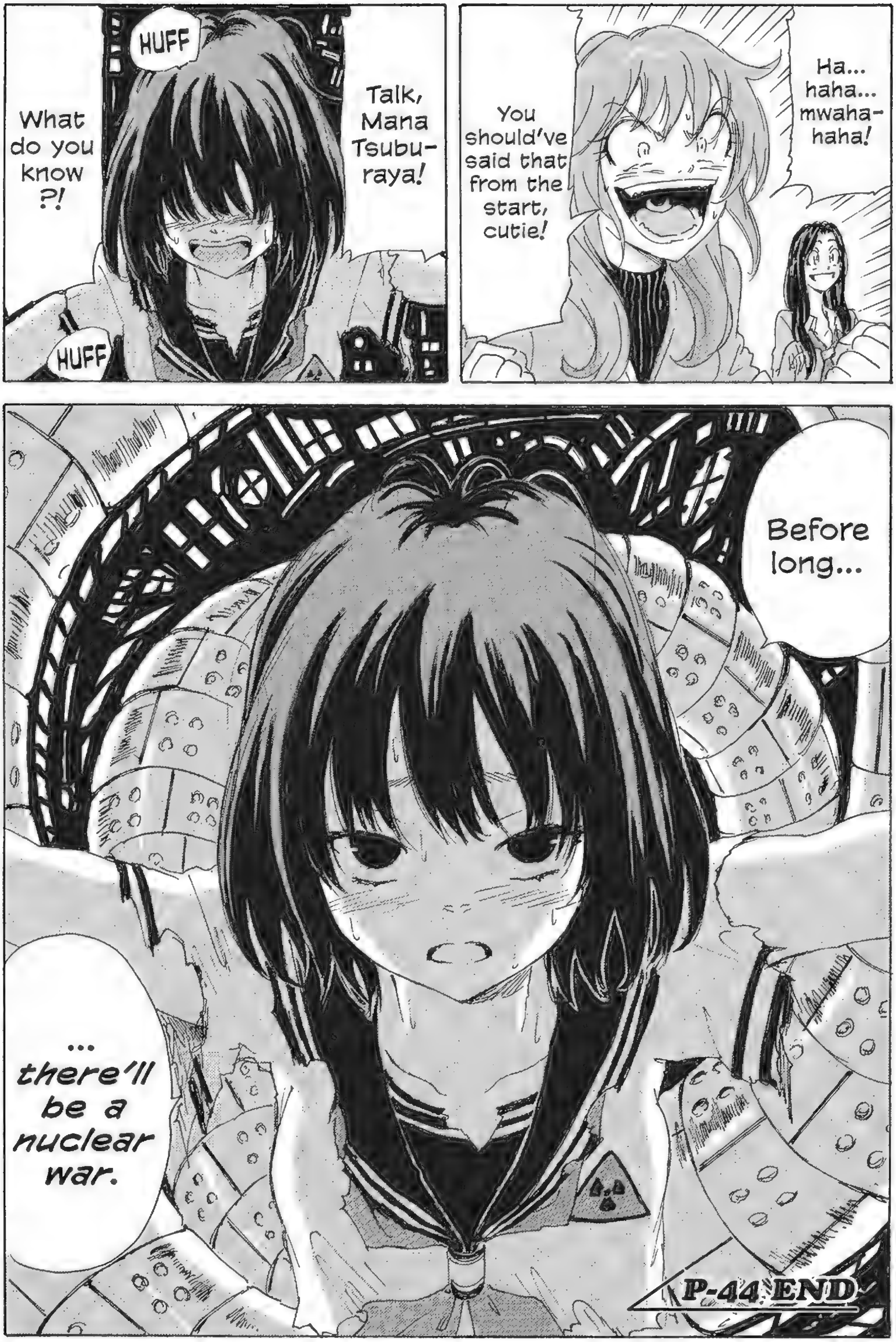

Ibara!
You mustn't wander off like that...!
Have your injuries healed already?
I dreamt ...
...that Haruto rescued me ...

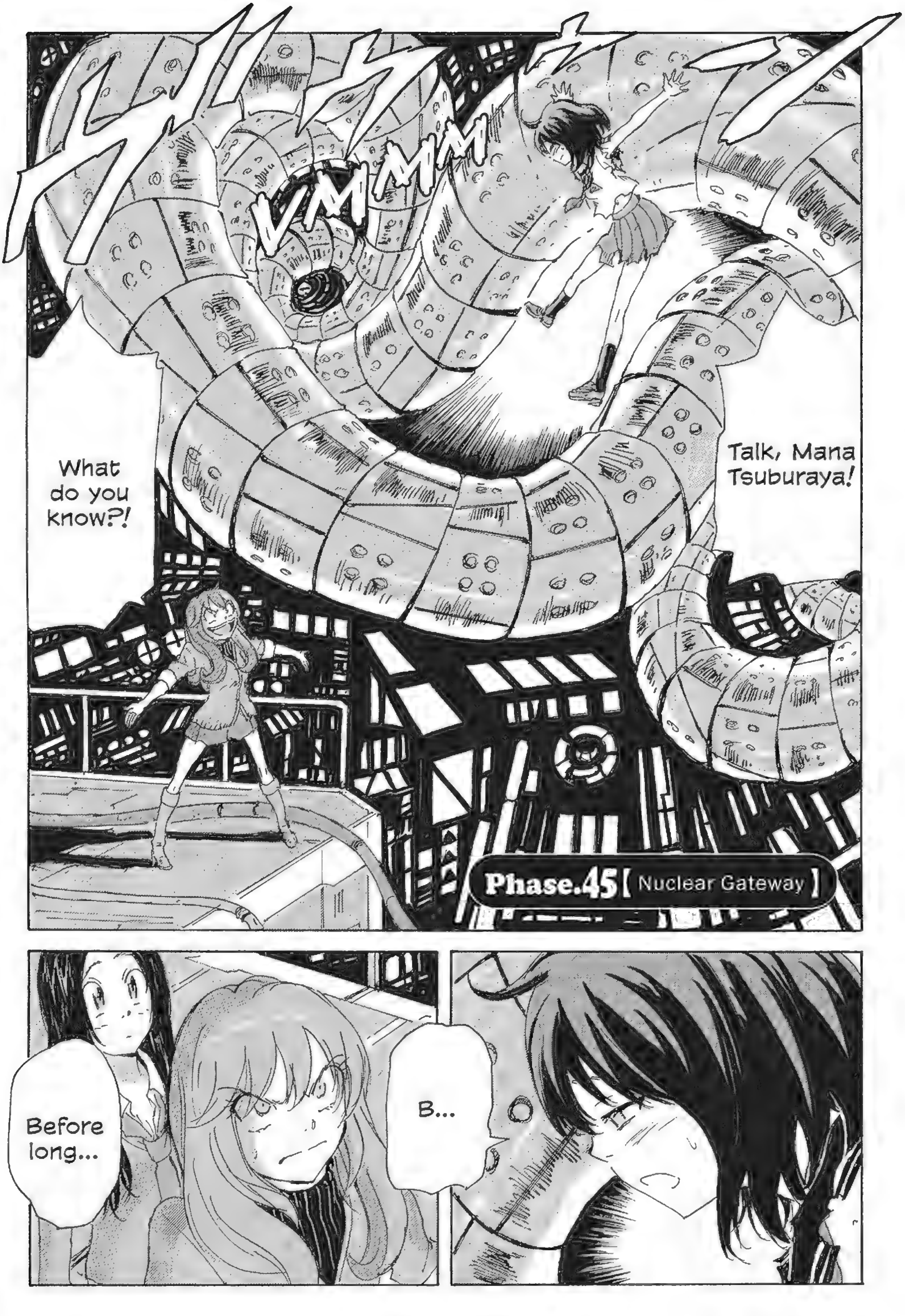

When we were little...
...I fell from a tree...
And Haruto carried me all the way to the hospital...
....!
Ibara...
I think that dream came true.


SWSSSH


Sorry, Naruse!
I guess I missed the train.
?!
ズデーン
THUD
N-Naruse, are you okay?!
She fainted from the shock!
Whoops... I thought I'd surprise her...
Please, try putting yourself in *her* shoes!
Hellooo! Wake up, Naruse!

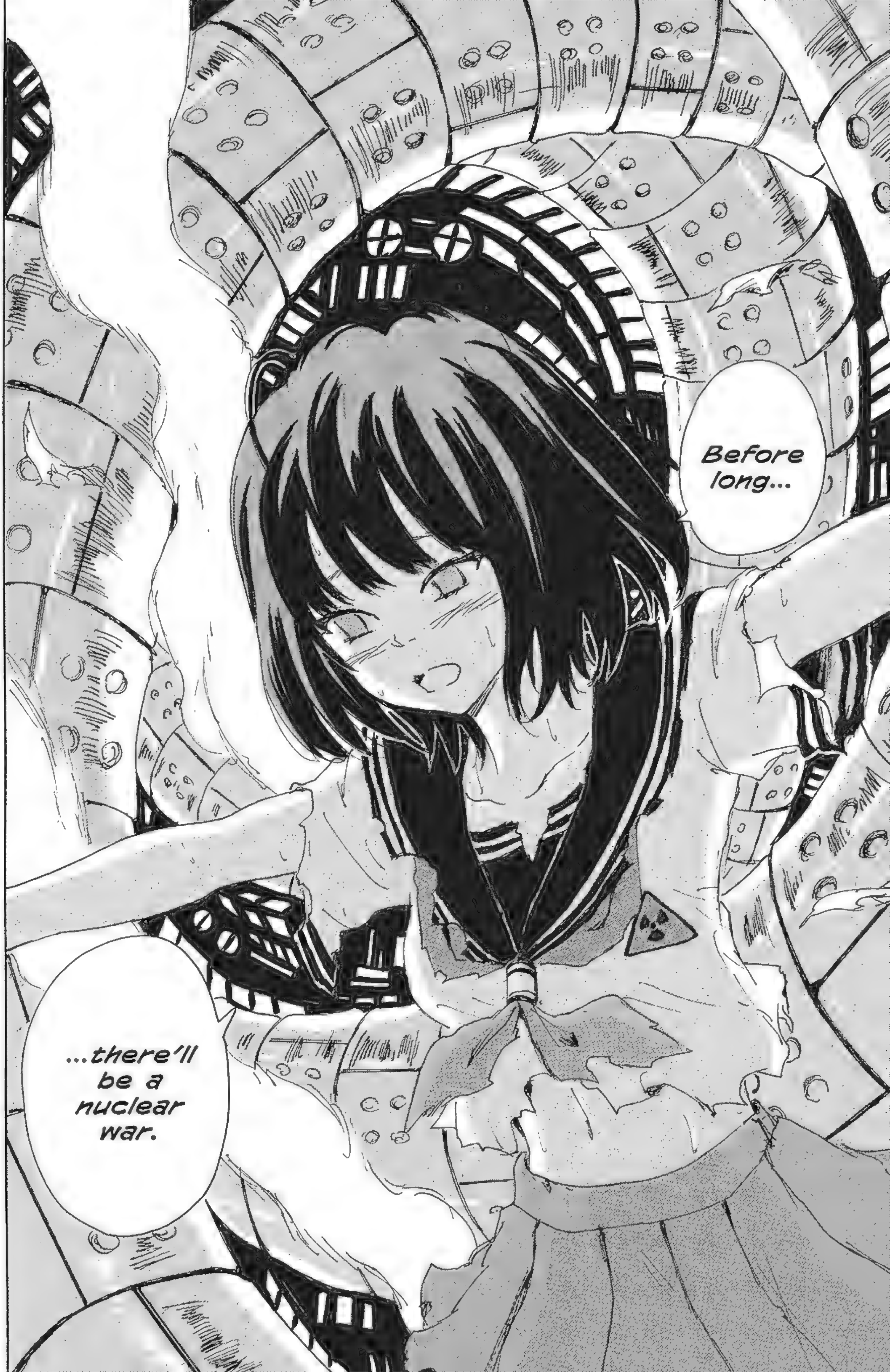

HUFF
HUFF
Damn ...!
You're one tough cookie ...!
I'll just turn it all the way up, then!
Hee hee... Don't blame me if it kills you!
BEEP
Stop ...
I-I'll talk!
So please... no more...!

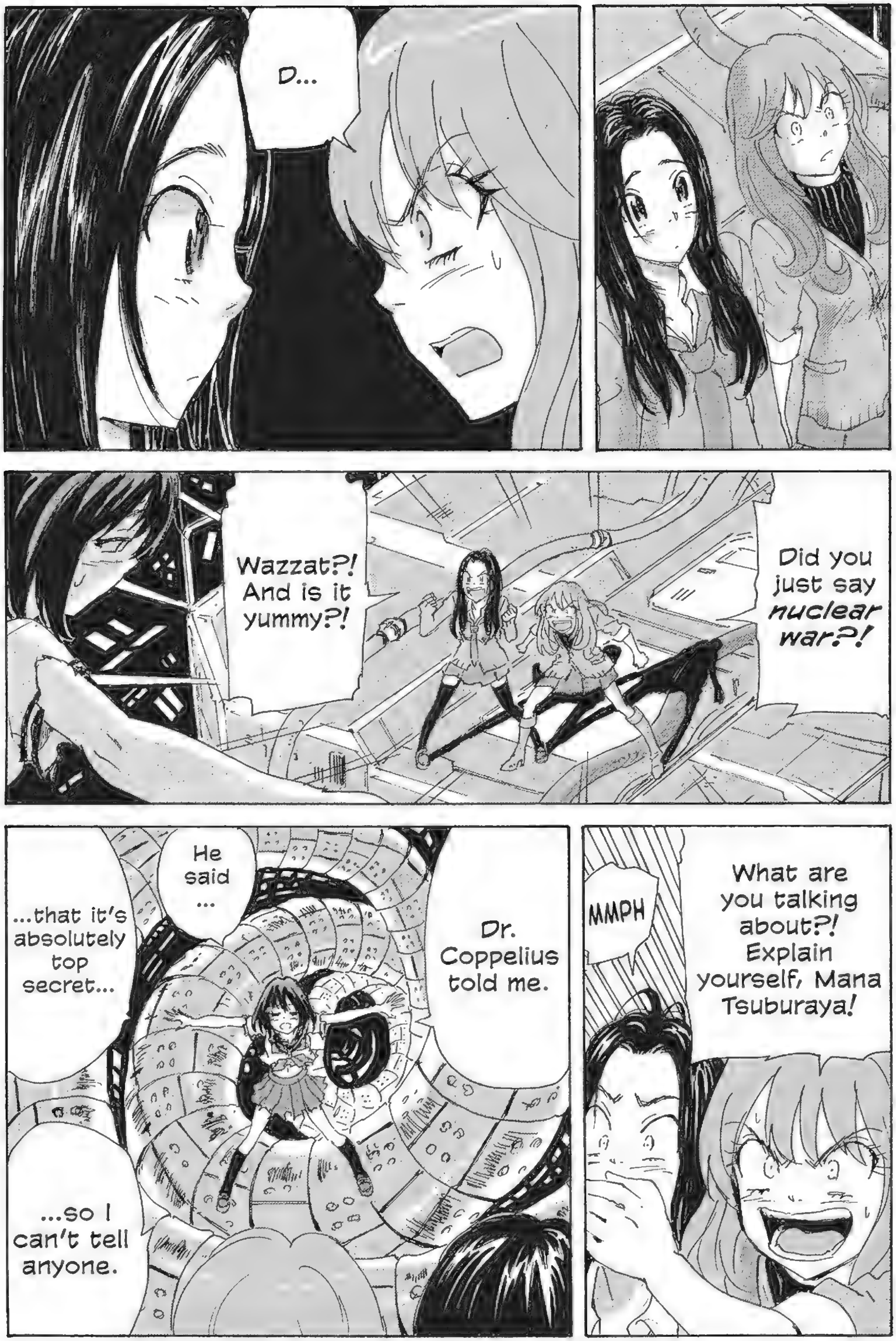

Ha... haha... mwaha-haha!
You should've said that from the start, cutie!
Talk, Mana Tsuburaya!
HUFF
What do you know ?!
HUFF
Before long...
... *there'll be a nuclear war.*
P-44 END

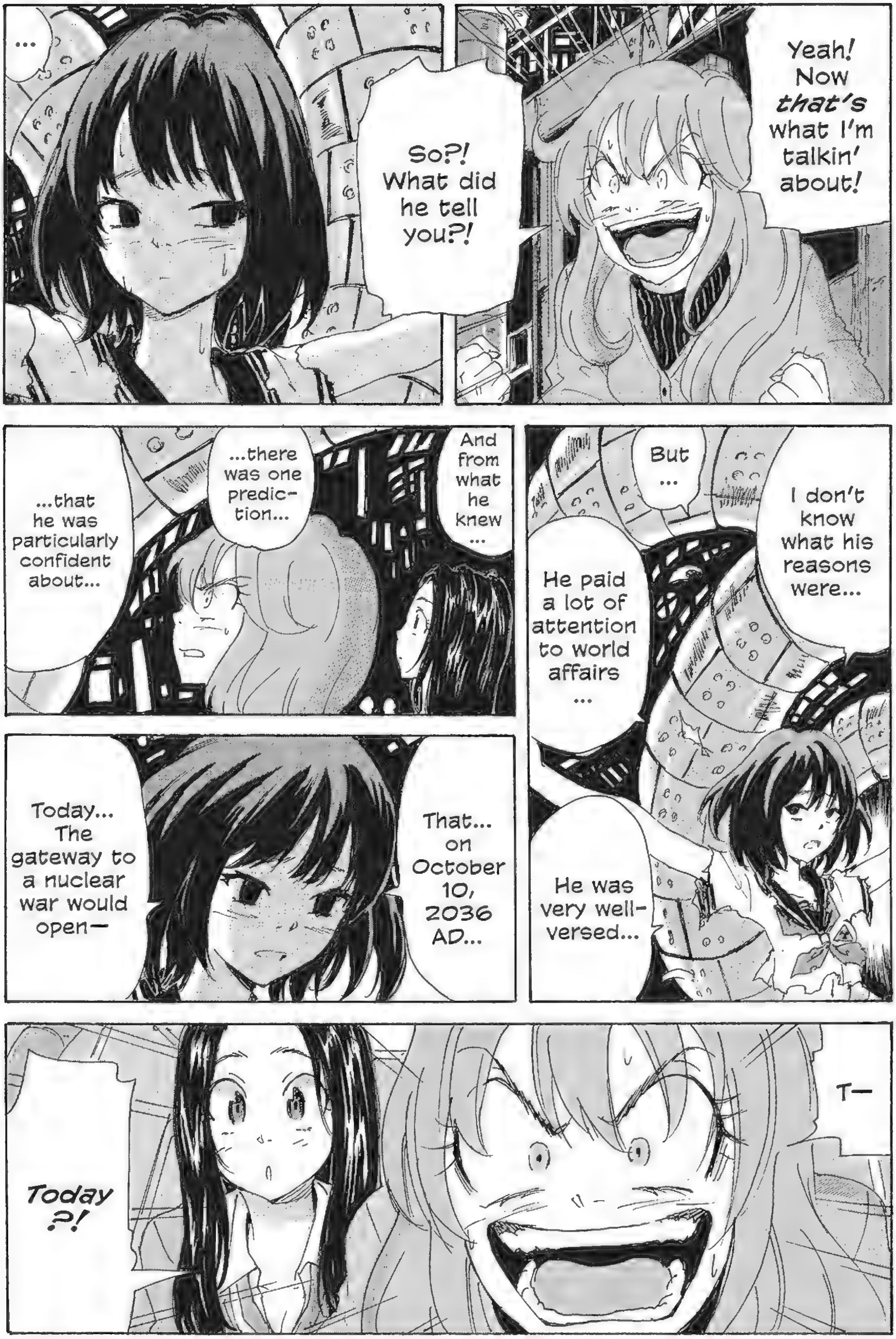


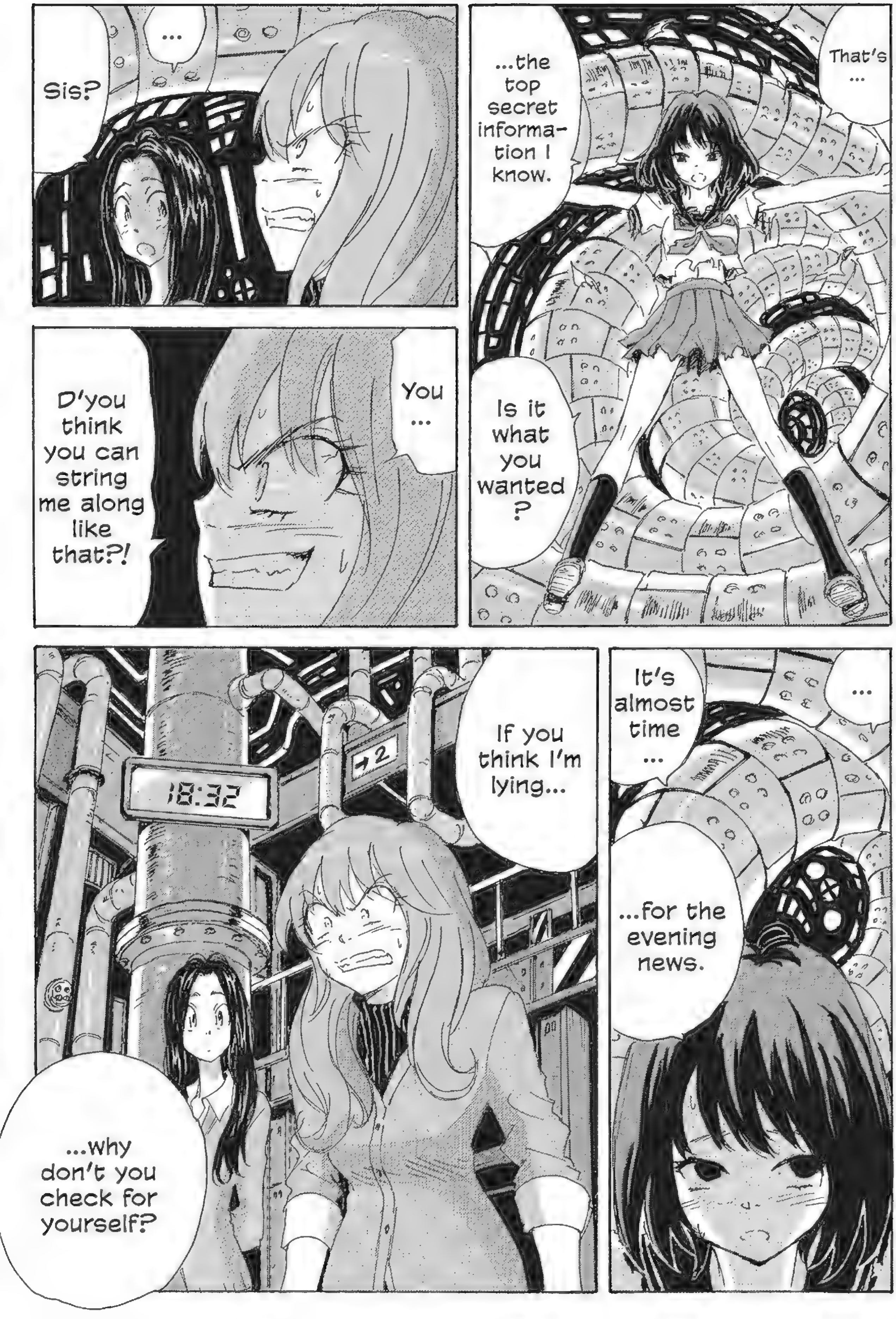
Phase.45【Nuclear Gateway】

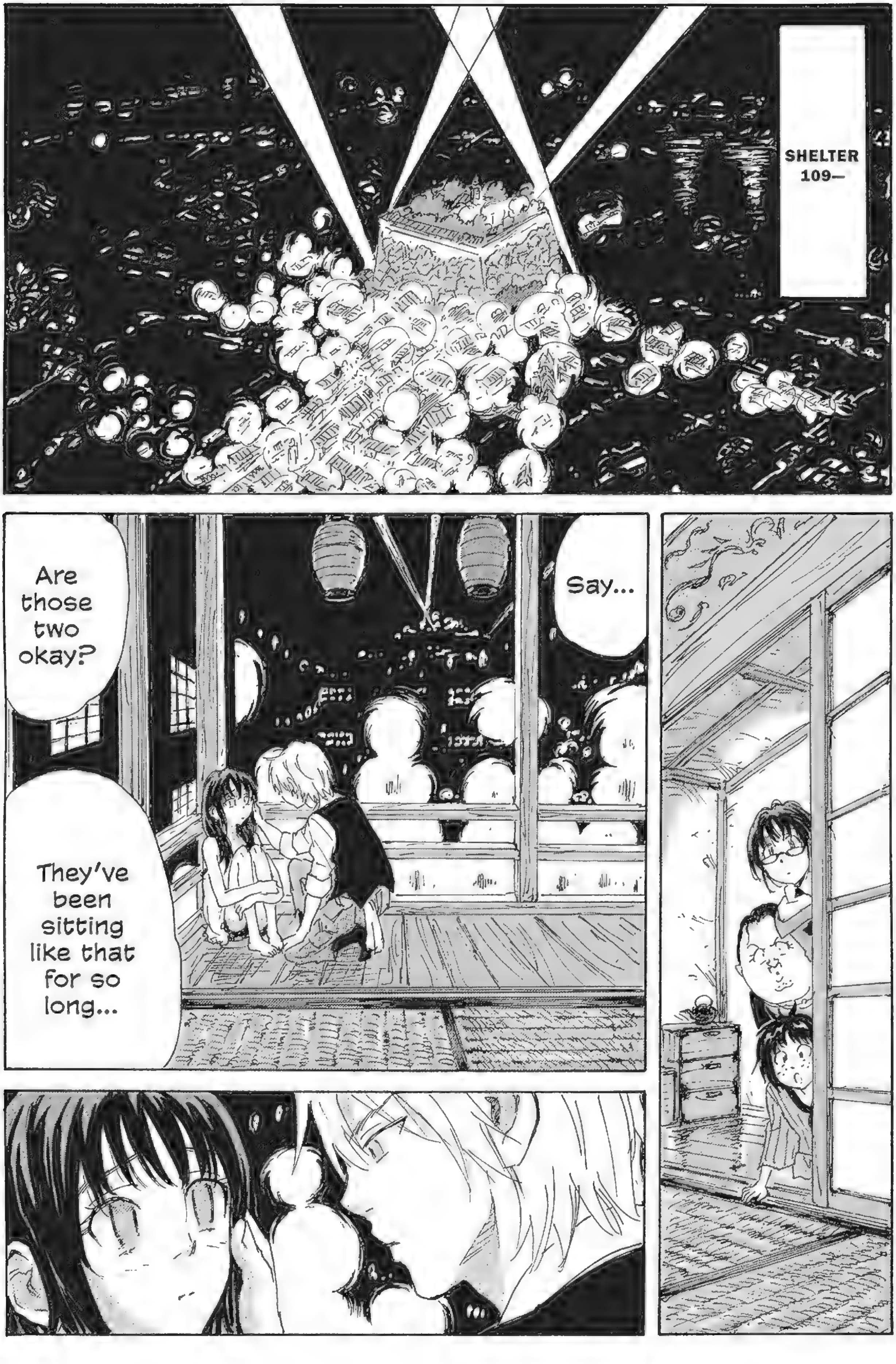
VMMM
Talk, Mana Tsuburaya!
What do you know?!
B...
Before long...

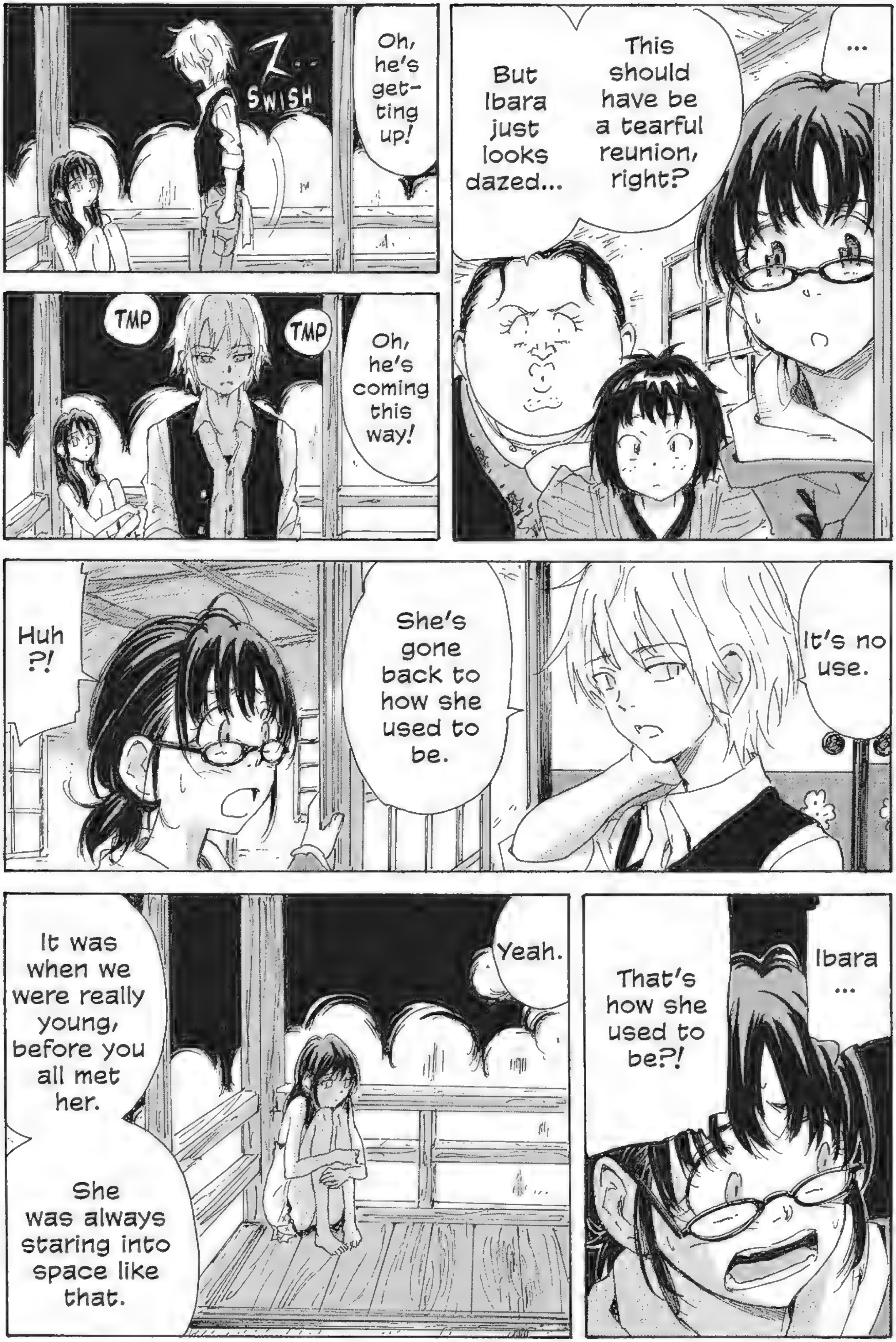

Before long...
...there'll be a nuclear war.

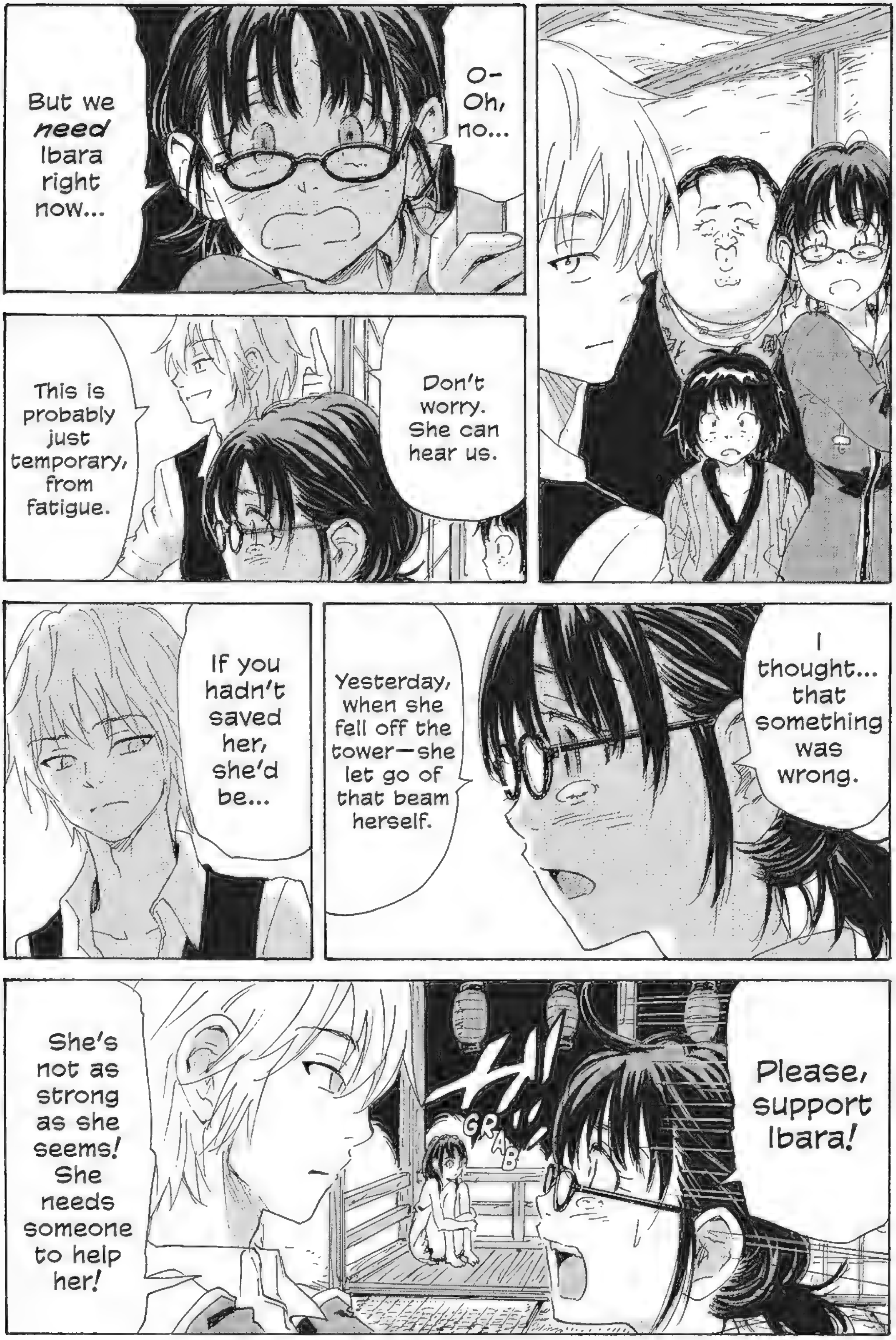

D...
Did you just say *nuclear war?!*
Wazzat?! And is it yummy?!
What are you talking about?! Explain yourself, Mana Tsuburaya!
MMPH
Dr. Coppelius told me.
He said ...
...that it's absolutely top secret...
...so I can't tell anyone.

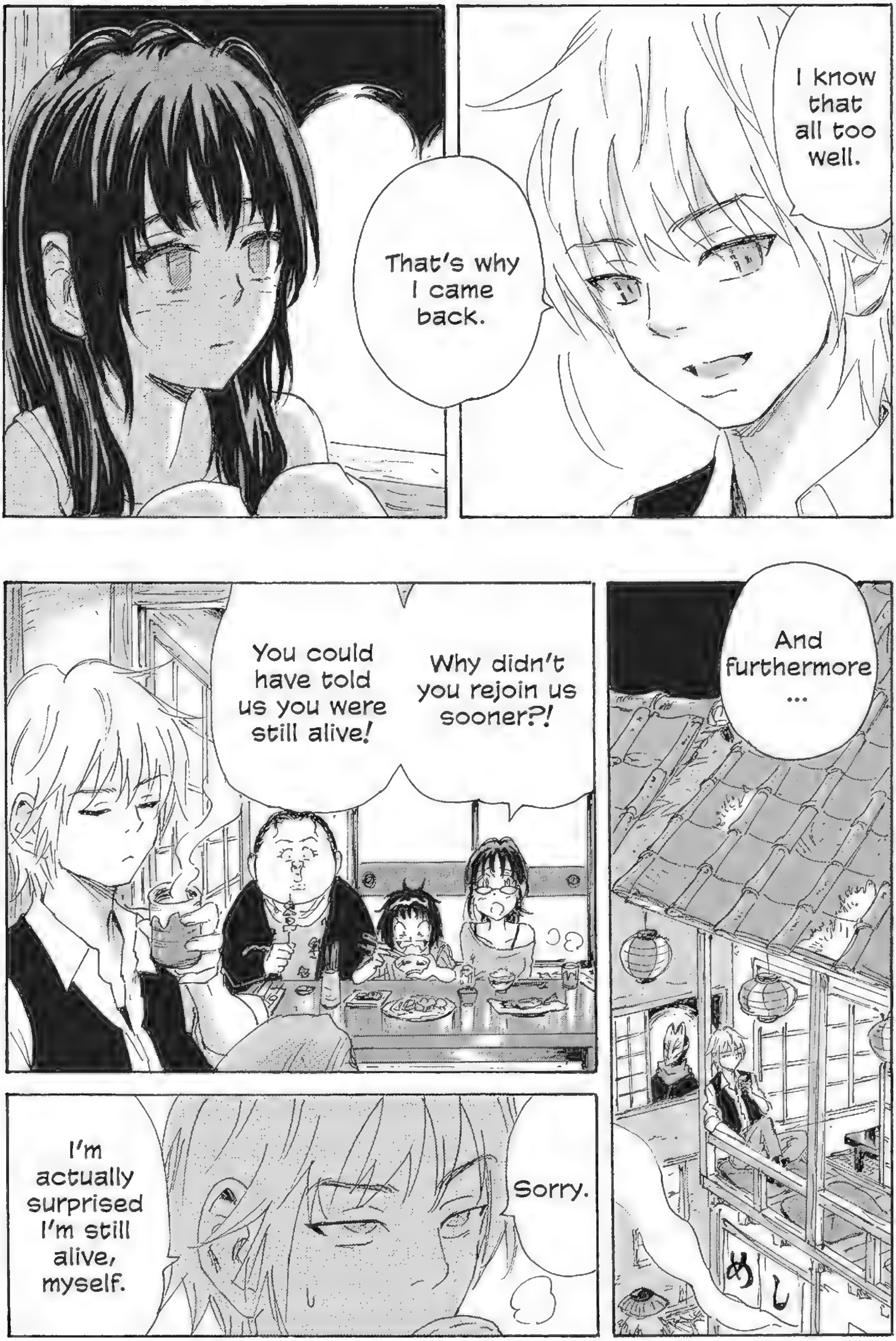

Yeah! Now *that's* what I'm talkin' about!
So?! What did he tell you?!
...
But ...
I don't know what his reasons were...
He paid a lot of attention to world affairs ...
He was very well-versed...
And from what he knew ...
...there was one prediction...
...that he was particularly confident about...
That... on October 10, 2036 AD...
Today... The gateway to a nuclear war would open—
T—
Today ?!

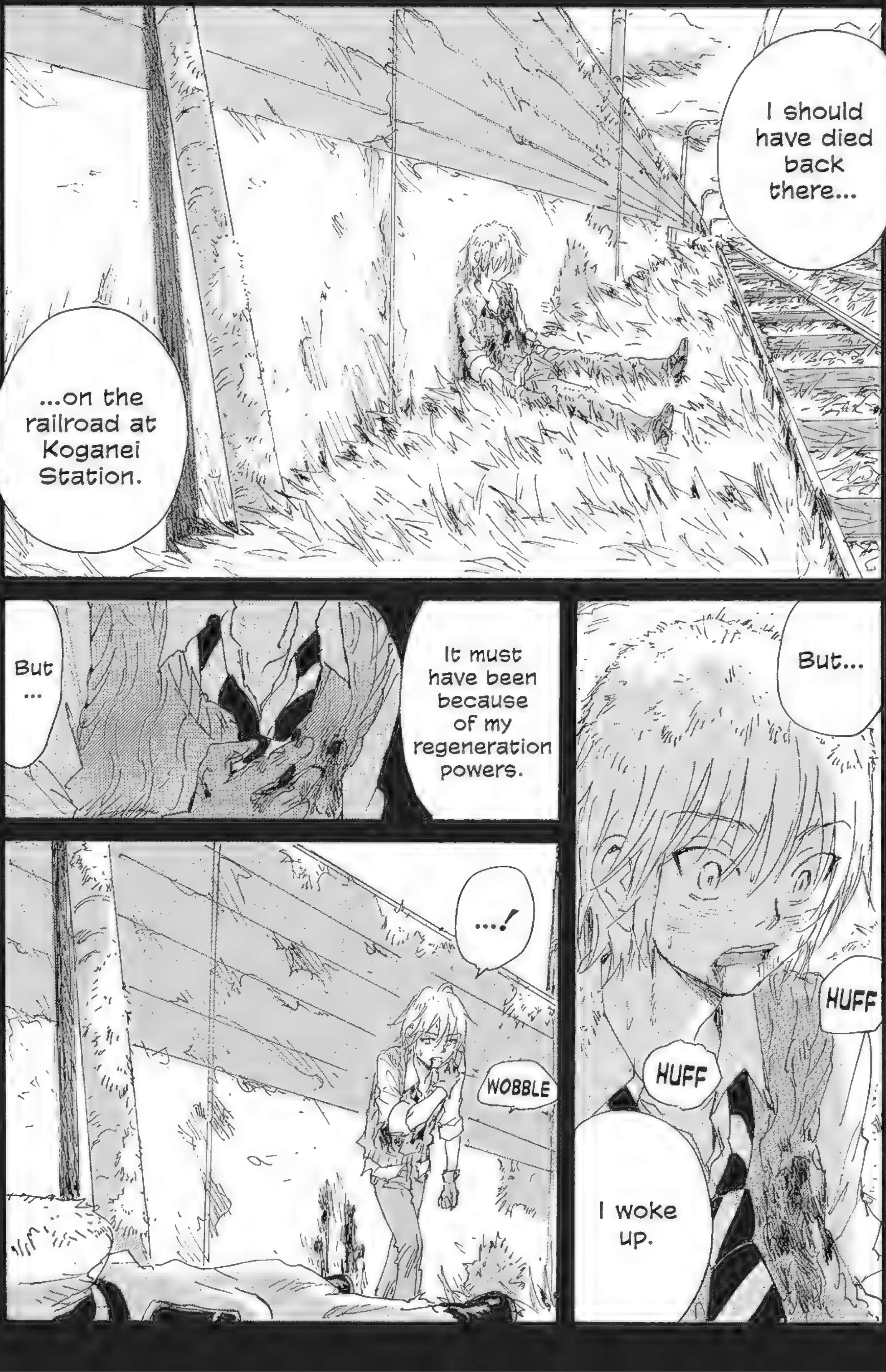

That's ...
...the top secret information I know.
Is it what you wanted?
...
Sis?
You ...
D'you think you can string me along like that?!
18:32
→2
...
It's almost time ...
...for the evening news.
If you think I'm lying...
...why don't you check for yourself?

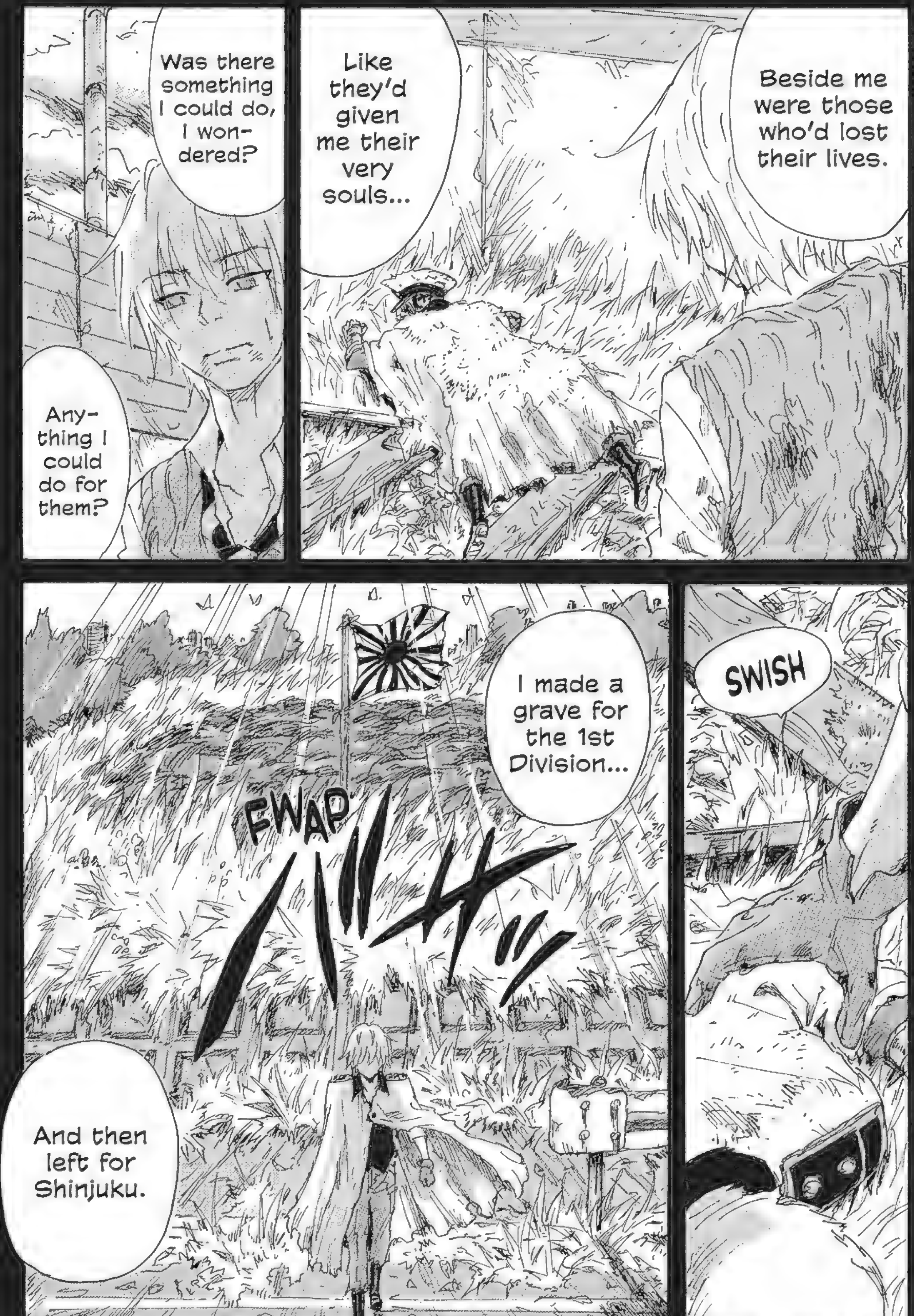

SHELTER 109—
Say...
Are those two okay?
They've been sitting like that for so long...

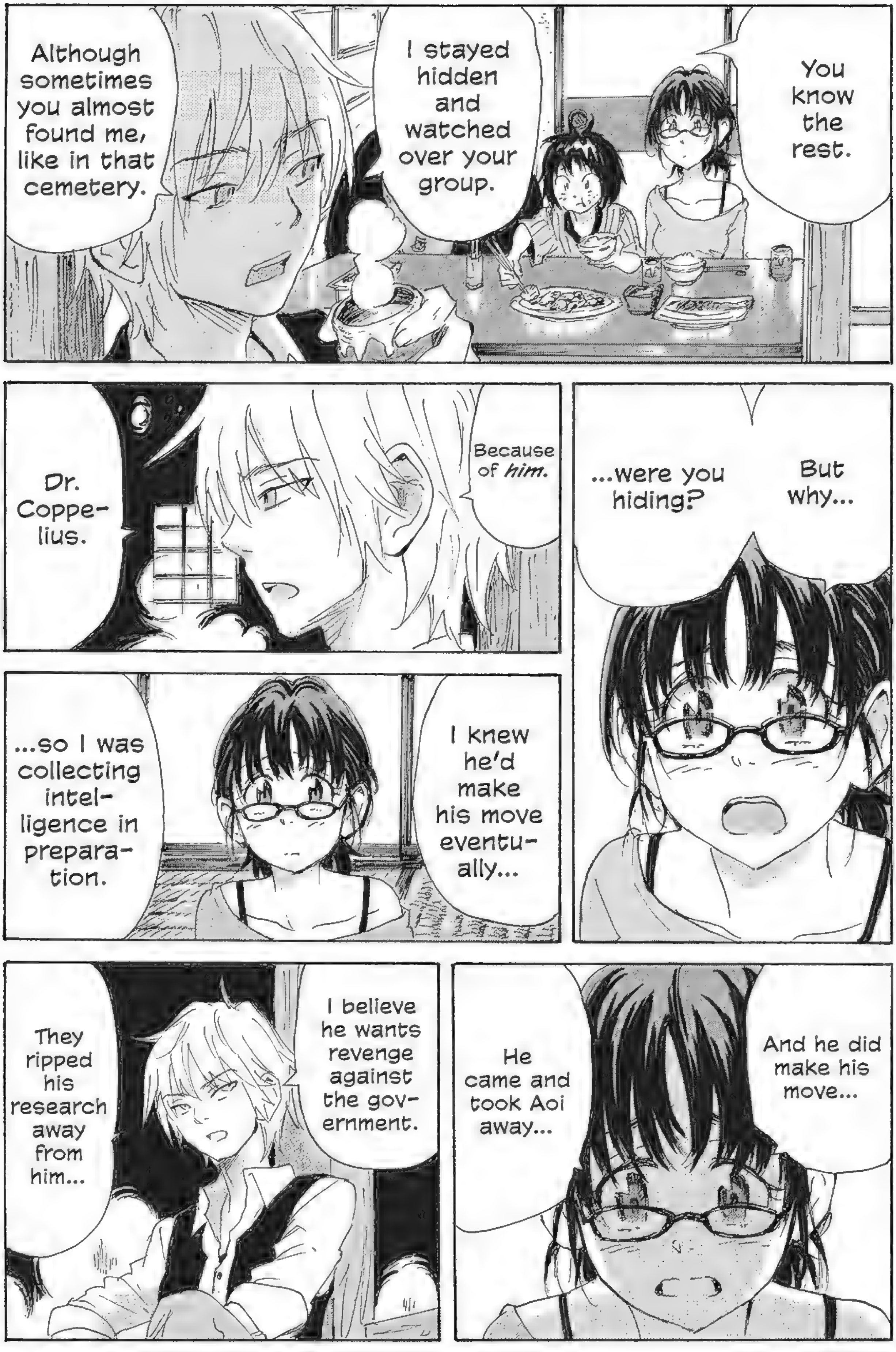

...
This should have be a tearful reunion, right?
But Ibara just looks dazed...
Z...
SWISH
Oh, he's getting up!
TMP
TMP
Oh, he's coming this way!
It's no use.
She's gone back to how she used to be.
Huh?!
Ibara...
That's how she used to be?!
Yeah.
It was when we were really young, before you all met her.
She was always staring into space like that.

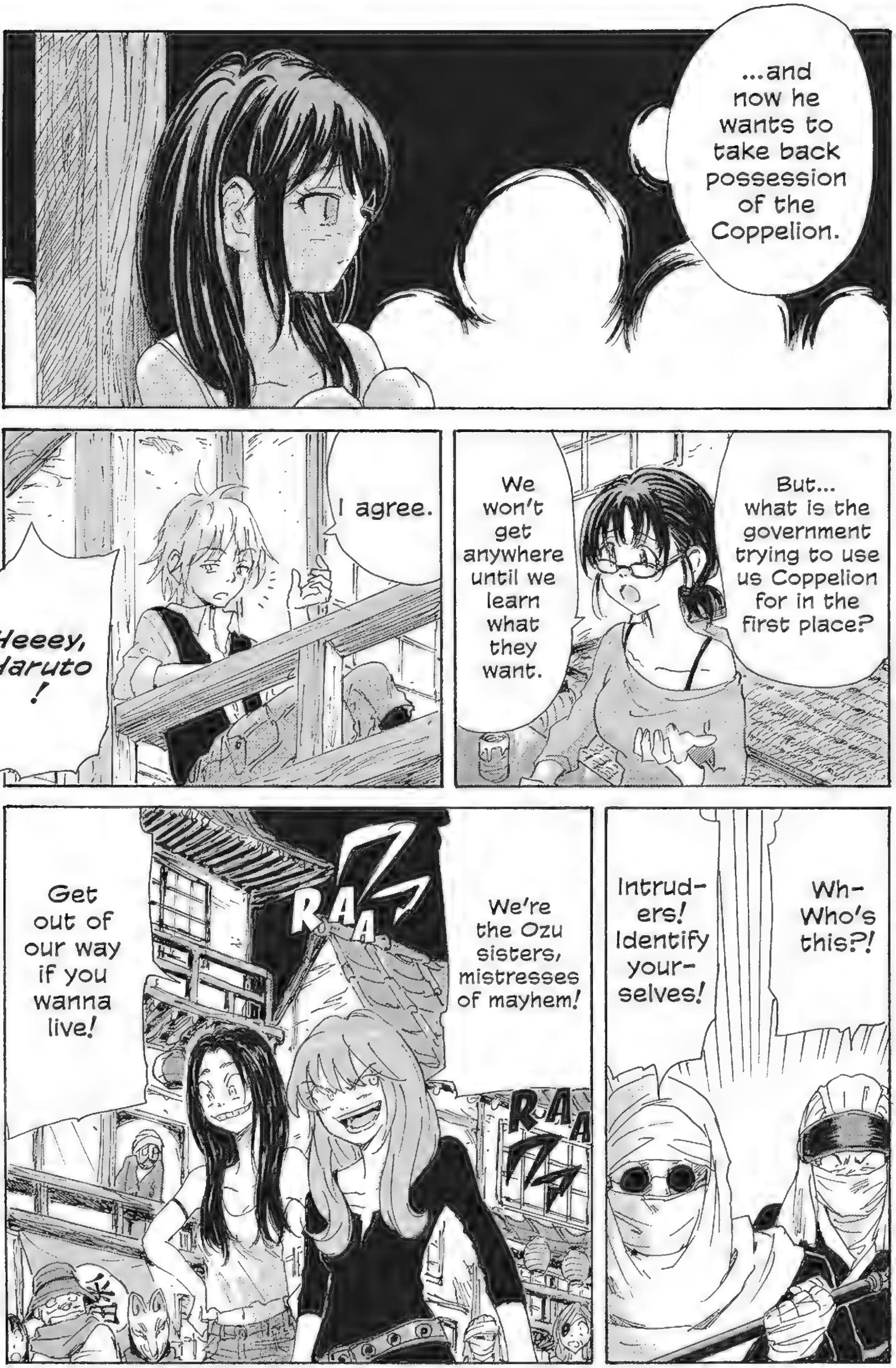

O-Oh, no...
But we *need* Ibara right now...
Don't worry. She can hear us.
This is probably just temporary, from fatigue.
I thought... that something was wrong.
Yesterday, when she fell off the tower—she let go of that beam herself.
If you hadn't saved her, she'd be...
Please, support Ibara!
GRAB
She's not as strong as she seems! She needs someone to help her!

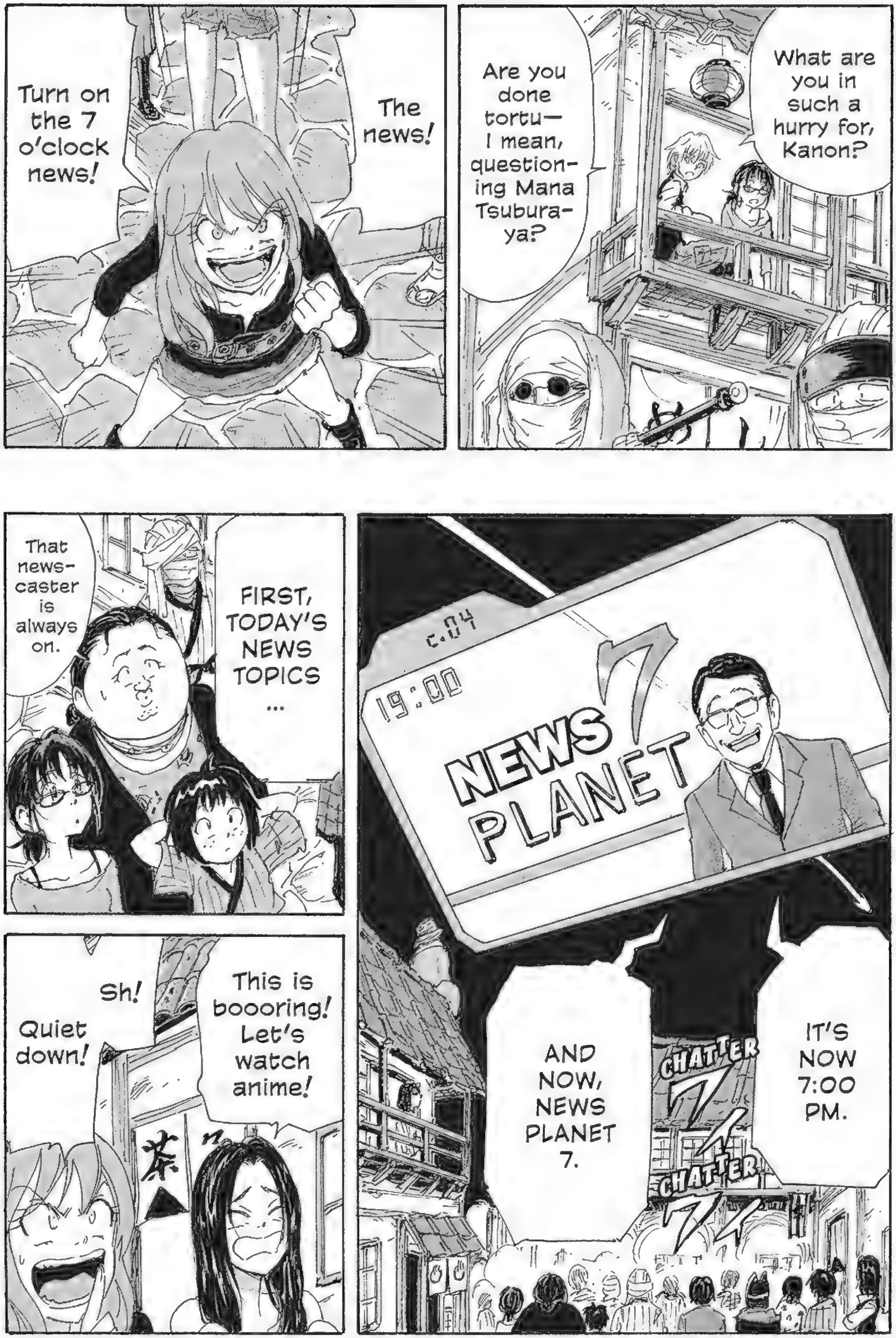

I know that all too well.
That's why I came back.
And furthermore...
Why didn't you rejoin us sooner?!
You could have told us you were still alive!
めし
Sorry.
I'm actually surprised I'm still alive, myself.

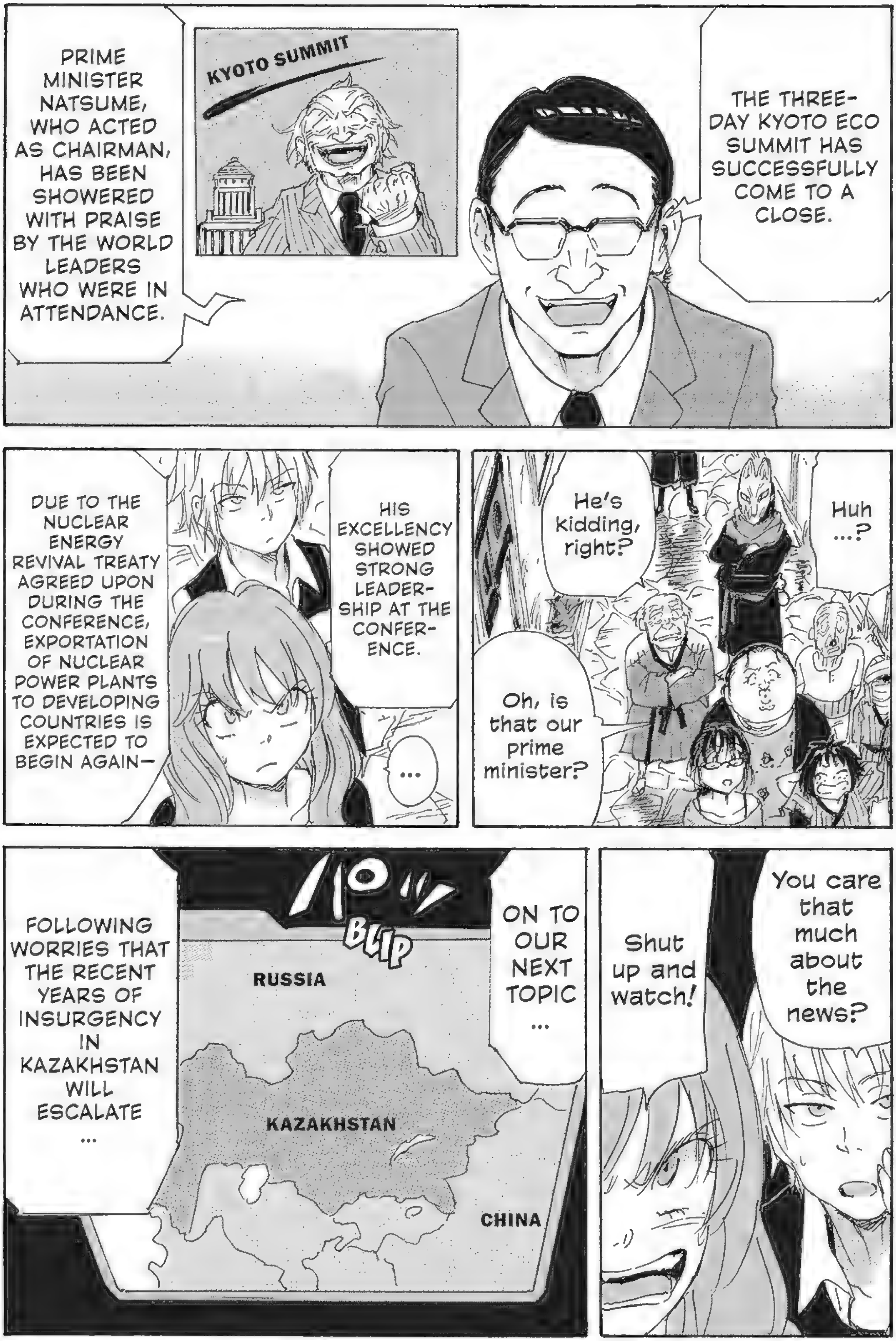

I should have died back there...
...on the railroad at Koganei Station.
But...
HUFF
HUFF
I woke up.
It must have been because of my regeneration powers.
But ...
...!
WOBBLE

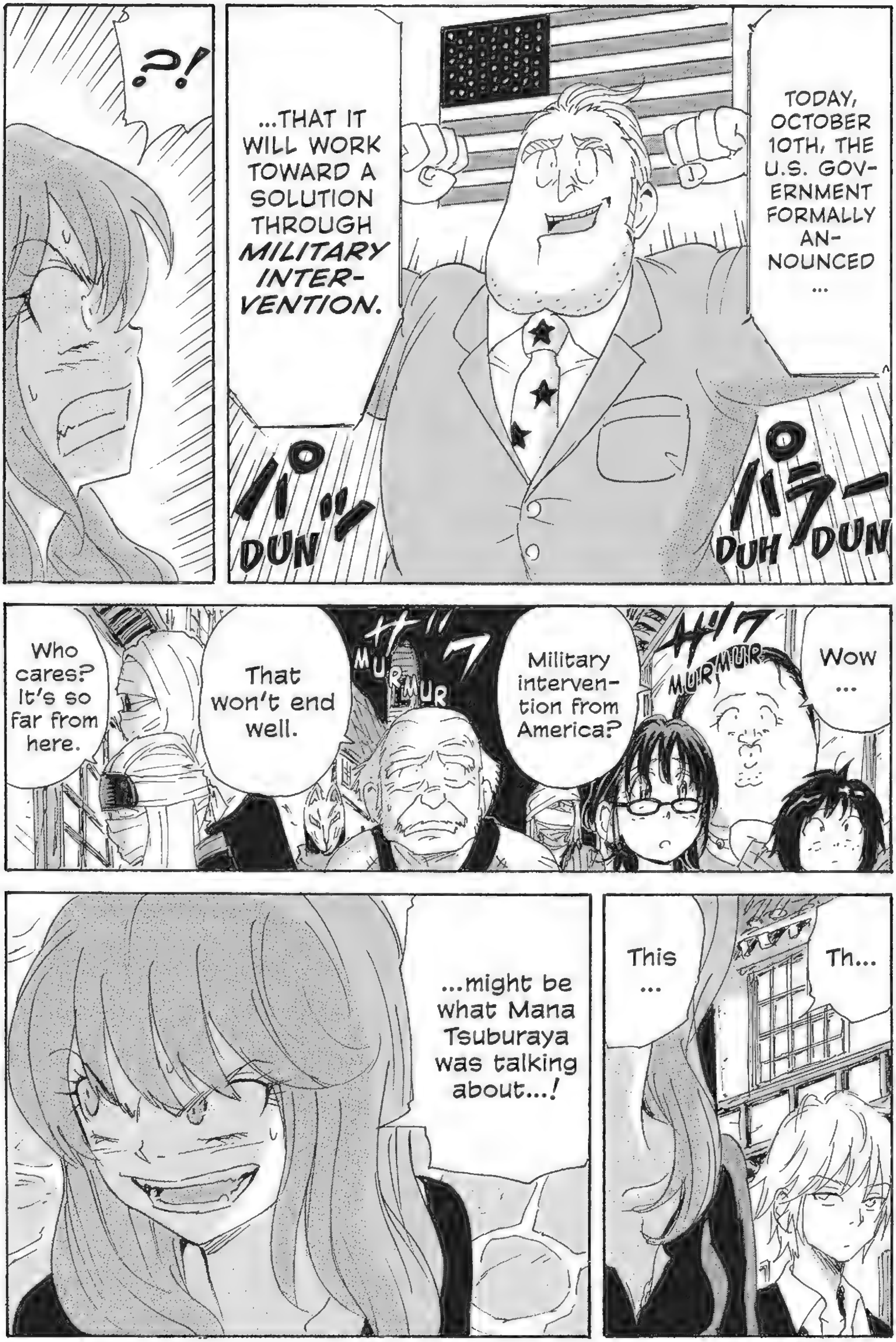

Beside me were those who'd lost their lives.
Like they'd given me their very souls...
Was there something I could do, I wondered?
Anything I could do for them?
SWISH
I made a grave for the 1st Division...
FWAP
And then left for Shinjuku.

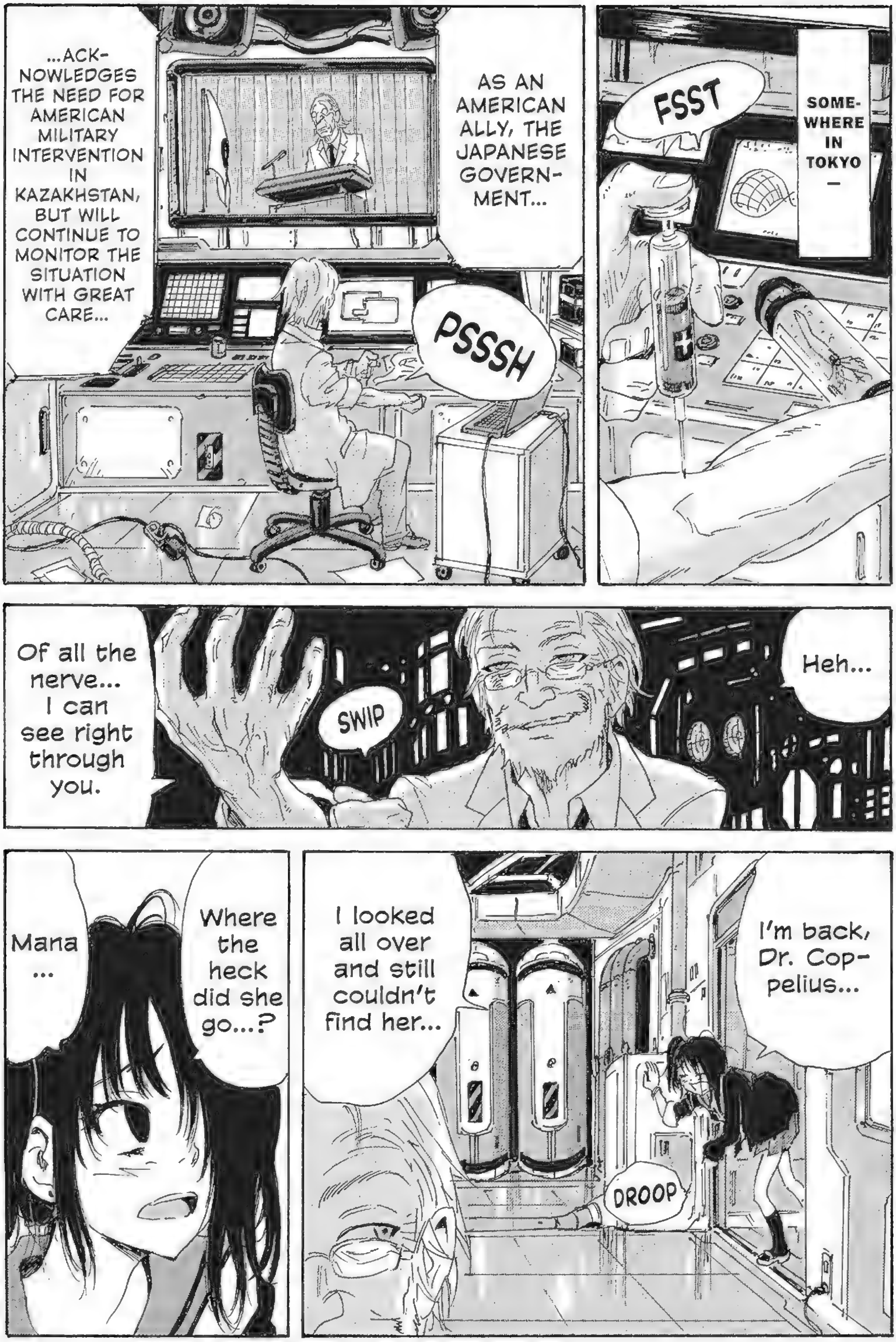

You know the rest.
I stayed hidden and watched over your group.
Although sometimes you almost found me, like in that cemetery.
But why...
...were you hiding?
Because of *him*.
Dr. Coppelius.
I knew he'd make his move eventually...
...so I was collecting intelligence in preparation.
And he did make his move...
He came and took Aoi away...
I believe he wants revenge against the government.
They ripped his research away from him...

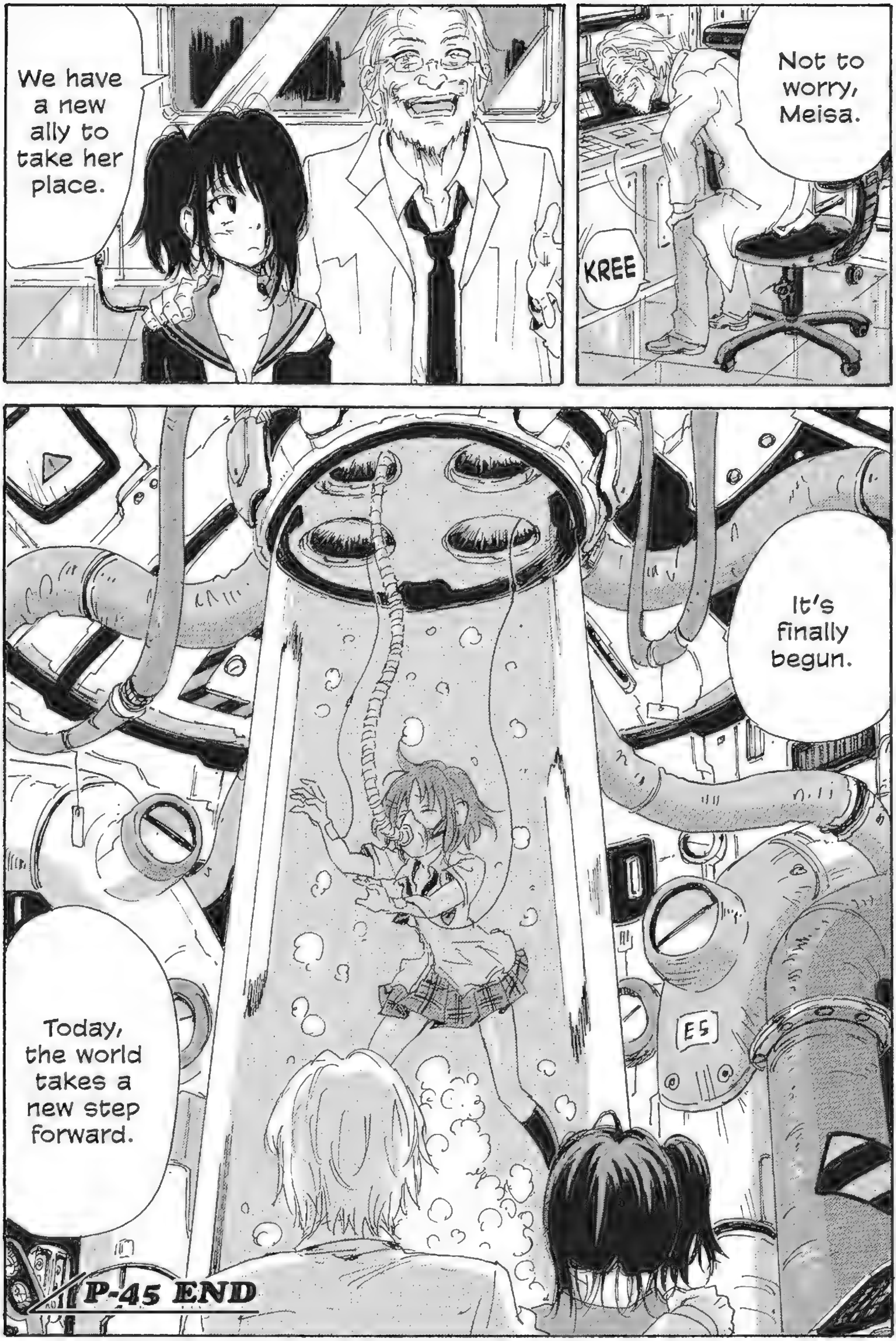

...and now he wants to take back possession of the Coppelion.
But... what is the government trying to use us Coppelion for in the first place?
We won't get anywhere until we learn what they want.
I agree.
Heeey, Haruto!
Wh-Who's this?!
Intruders! Identify yourselves!
RAAA
RAAA
We're the Ozu sisters, mistresses of mayhem!
Get out of our way if you wanna live!


What are you in such a hurry for, Kanon?
Are you done tortu— I mean, questioning Mana Tsuburaya?
The news!
Turn on the 7 o'clock news!
c.04
19:00
NEWS PLANET 7
IT'S NOW 7:00 PM.
AND NOW, NEWS PLANET 7.
CHATTER
CHATTER
FIRST, TODAY'S NEWS TOPICS ...
That newscaster is always on.
This is boooring! Let's watch anime!
Sh!
Quiet down!
茶

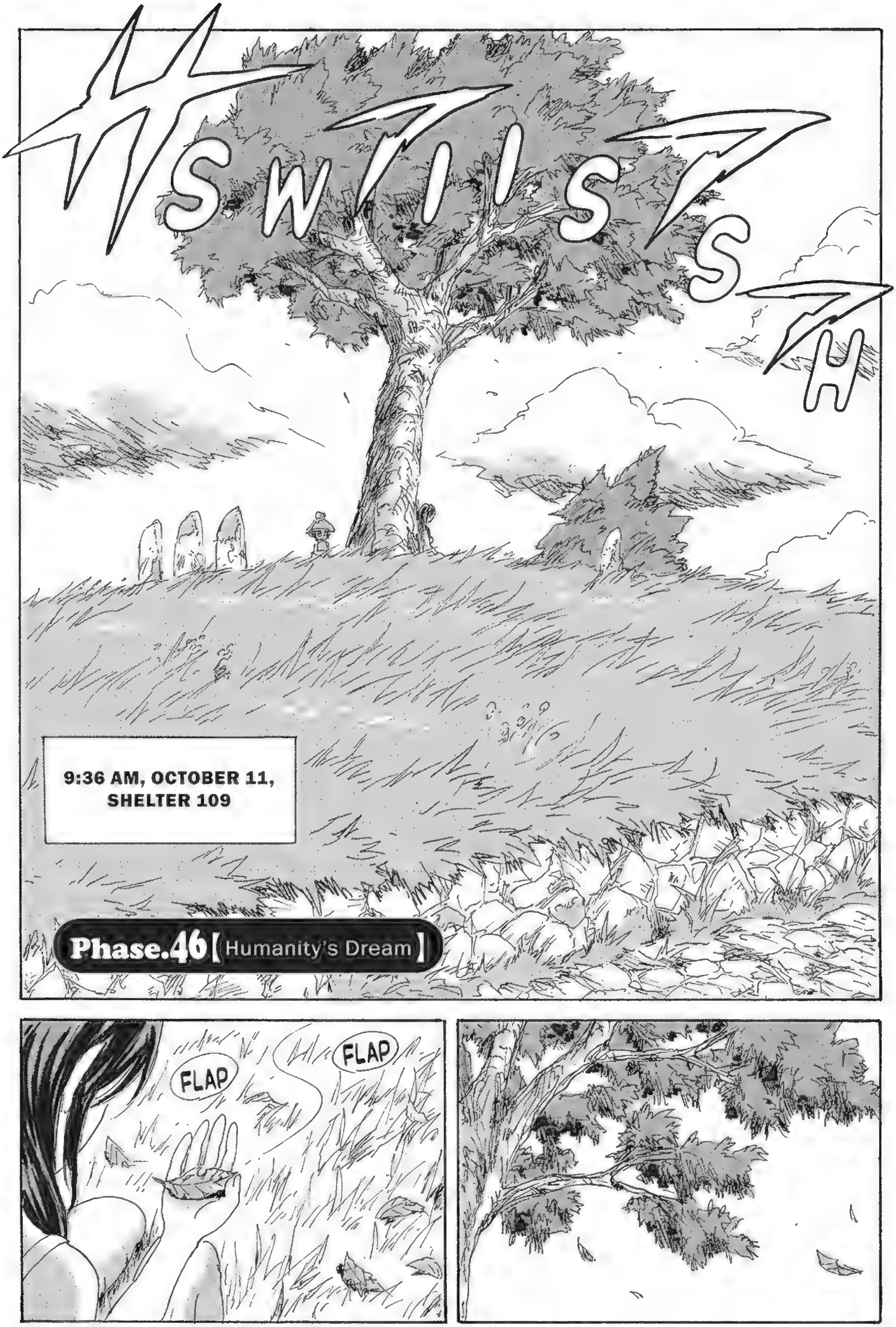

THE THREE-DAY KYOTO ECO SUMMIT HAS SUCCESSFULLY COME TO A CLOSE.
KYOTO SUMMIT
PRIME MINISTER NATSUME, WHO ACTED AS CHAIRMAN, HAS BEEN SHOWERED WITH PRAISE BY THE WORLD LEADERS WHO WERE IN ATTENDANCE.
Huh ...?
He's kidding, right?
Oh, is that our prime minister?
HIS EXCELLENCY SHOWED STRONG LEADERSHIP AT THE CONFERENCE.
DUE TO THE NUCLEAR ENERGY REVIVAL TREATY AGREED UPON DURING THE CONFERENCE, EXPORTATION OF NUCLEAR POWER PLANTS TO DEVELOPING COUNTRIES IS EXPECTED TO BEGIN AGAIN—
...
You care that much about the news?
Shut up and watch!
ON TO OUR NEXT TOPIC ...
BLIP
RUSSIA
KAZAKHSTAN
CHINA
FOLLOWING WORRIES THAT THE RECENT YEARS OF INSURGENCY IN KAZAKHSTAN WILL ESCALATE ...

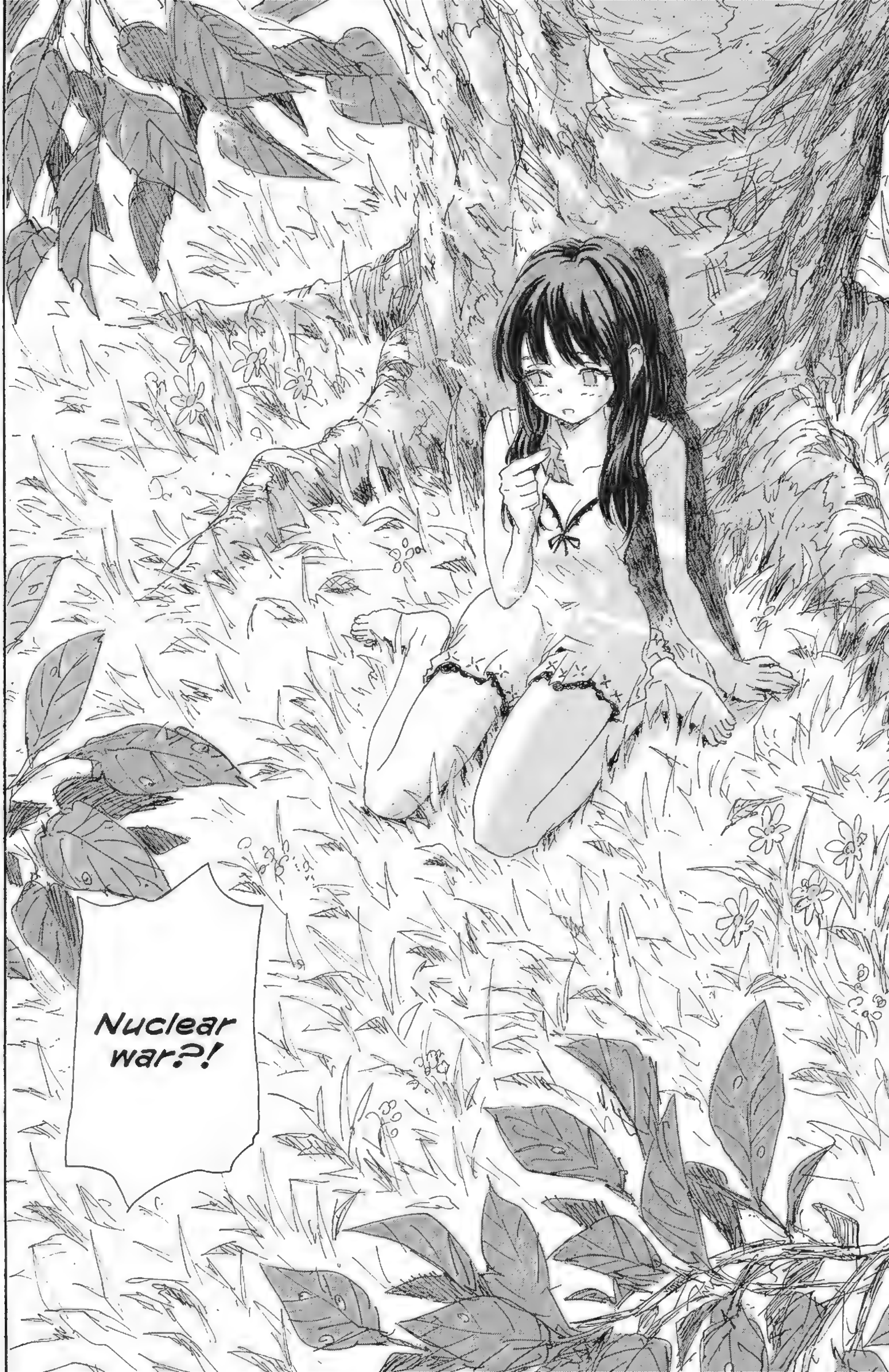

TODAY, OCTOBER 10TH, THE U.S. GOVERNMENT FORMALLY ANNOUNCED...
...THAT IT WILL WORK TOWARD A SOLUTION THROUGH *MILITARY INTERVENTION.*
パラー DUH DUN
パッ DUN
?!
Wow...
ザワ MURMUR
Military intervention from America?
ザワ MURMUR
That won't end well.
Who cares? It's so far from here.
Th...
This...
...might be what Mana Tsuburaya was talking about...!

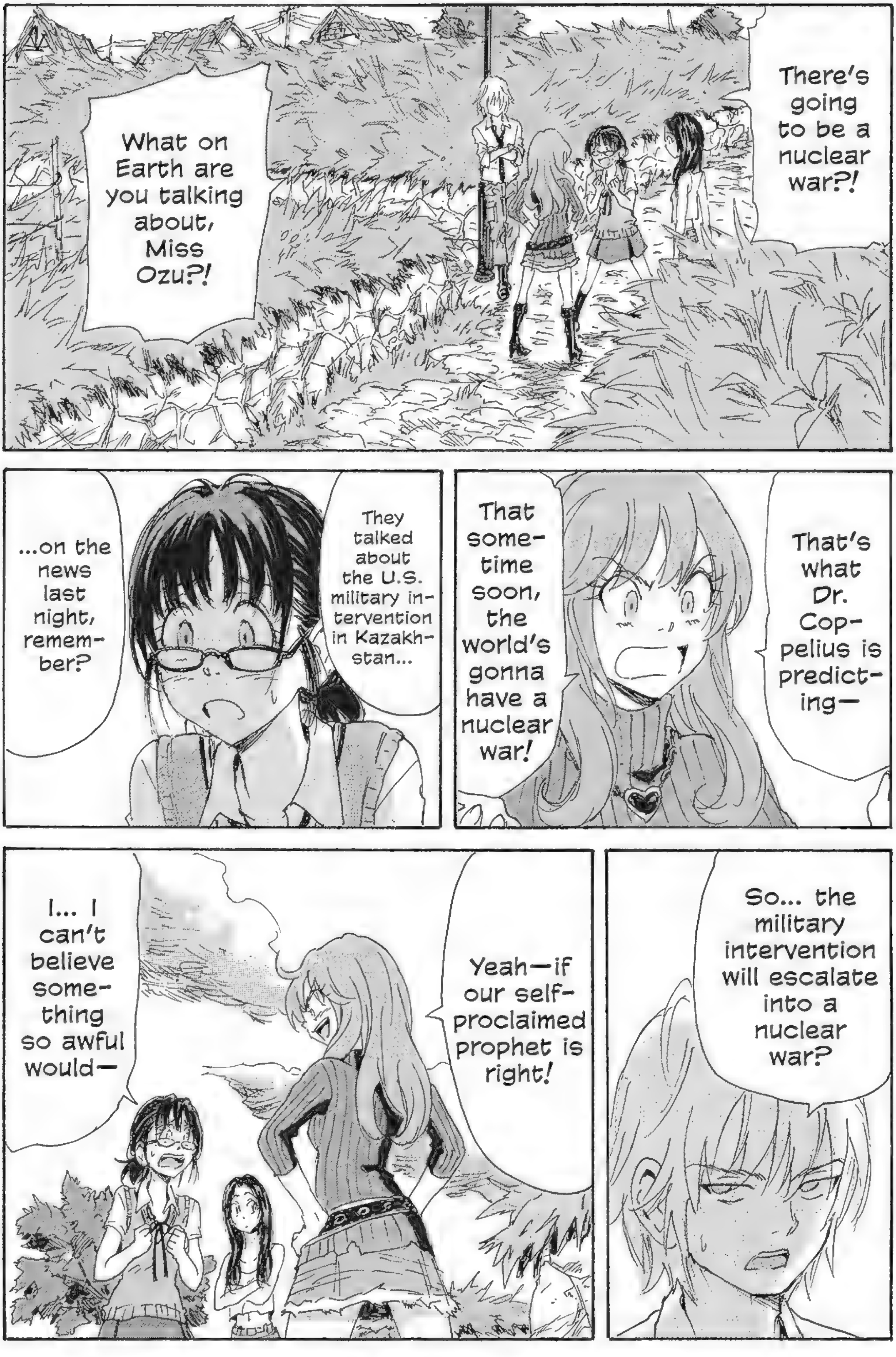

SOMEWHERE IN TOKYO —
FSST
AS AN AMERICAN ALLY, THE JAPANESE GOVERNMENT...
...ACKNOWLEDGES THE NEED FOR AMERICAN MILITARY INTERVENTION IN KAZAKHSTAN, BUT WILL CONTINUE TO MONITOR THE SITUATION WITH GREAT CARE...
PSSSH
Heh...
SWIP
Of all the nerve... I can see right through you.
I'm back, Dr. Coppelius...
DROOP
I looked all over and still couldn't find her...
Where the heck did she go...?
Mana...

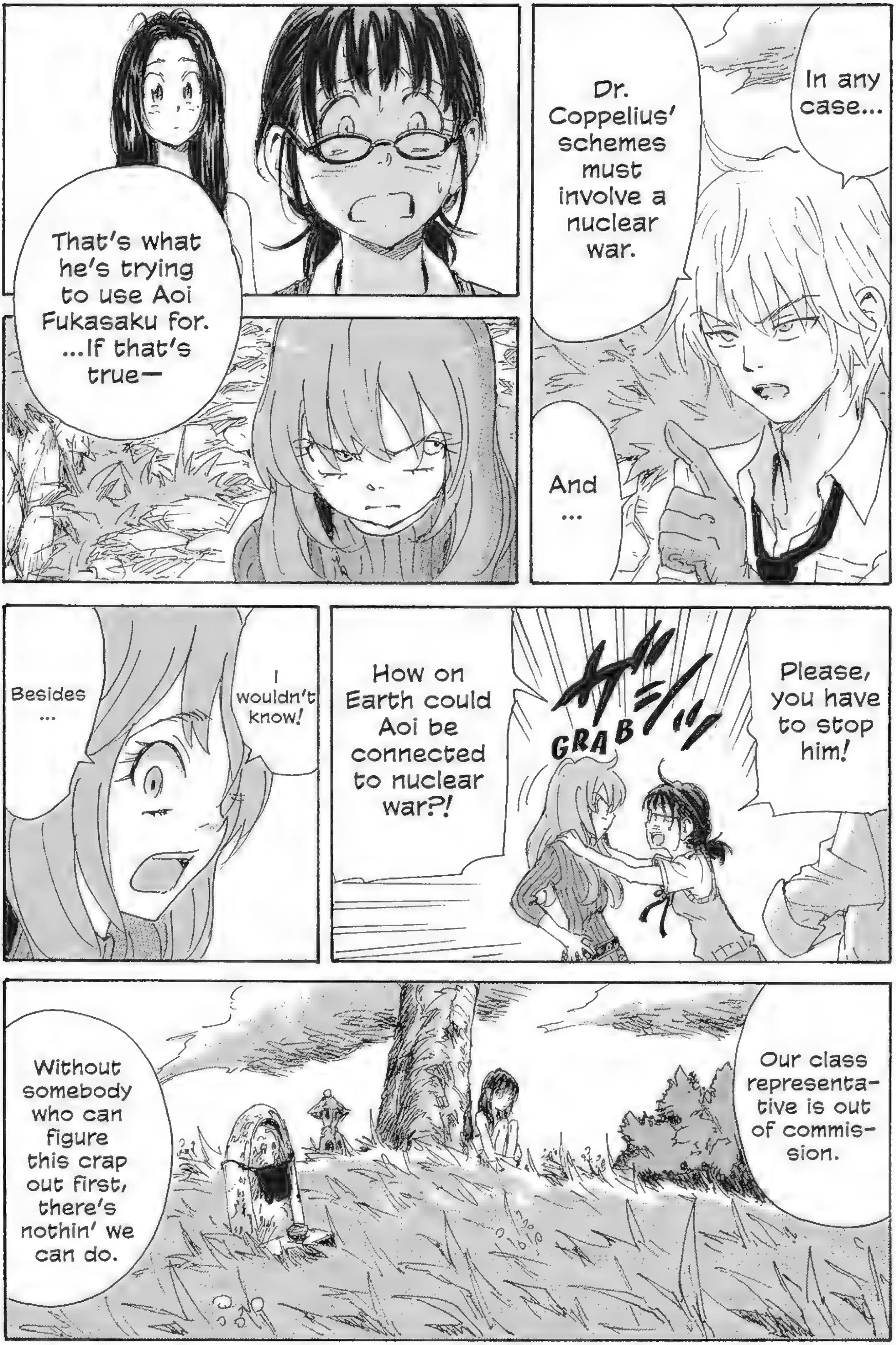

Not to worry, Meisa.
KREE
We have a new ally to take her place.
It's finally begun.
Today, the world takes a new step forward.
E5
P-45 END

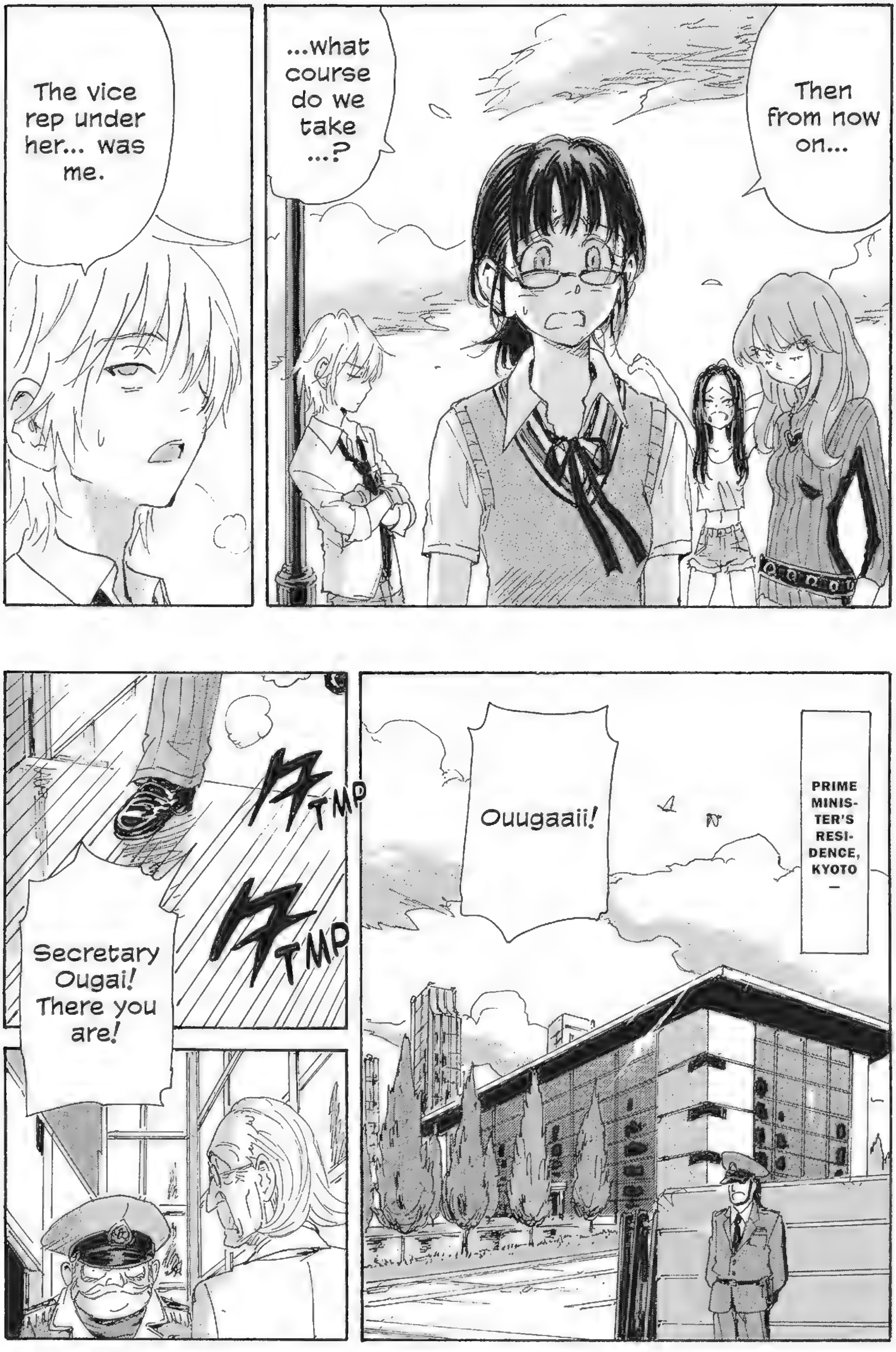
Phase.46 [Humanity's Dream]

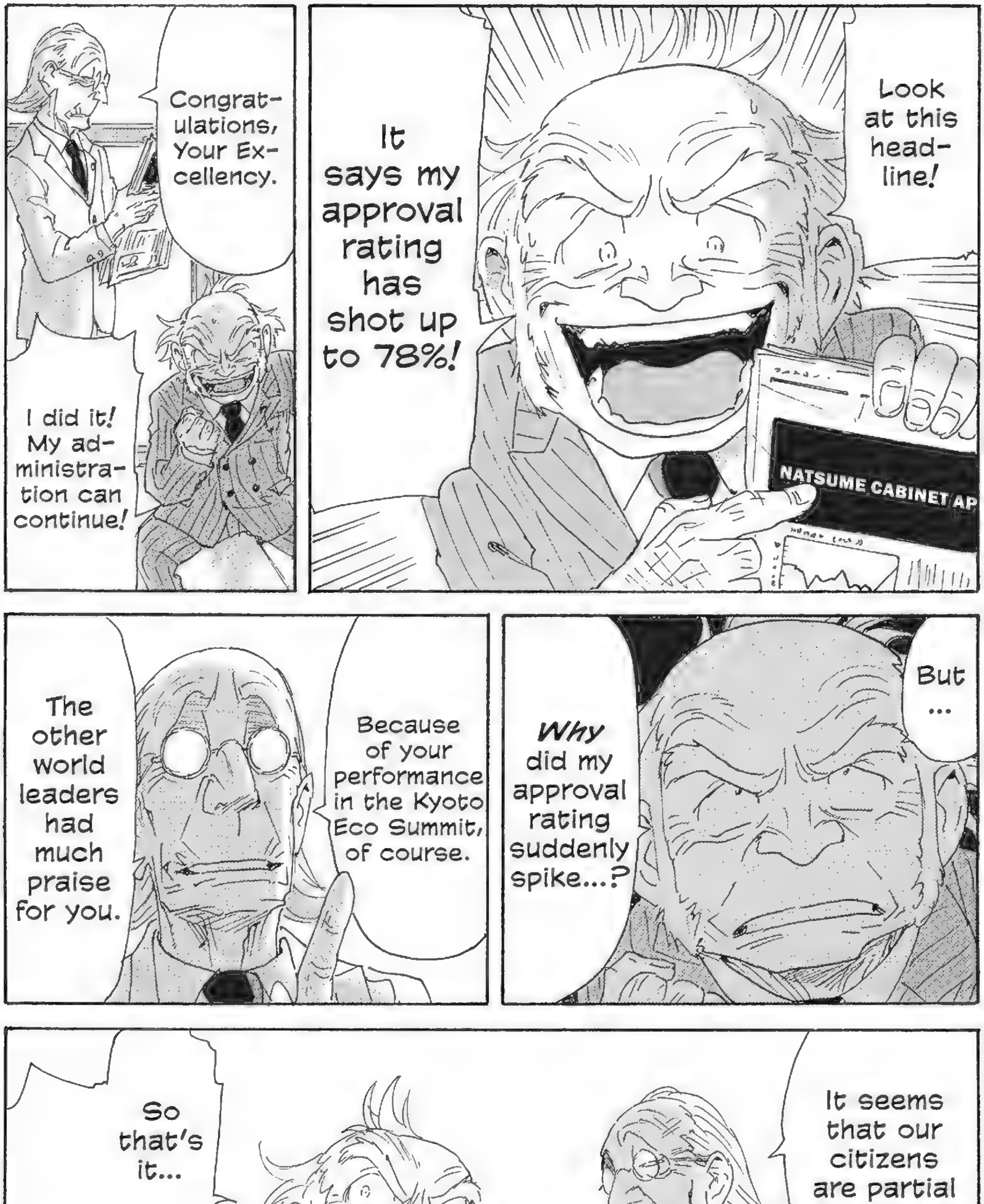

SWIISSH
9:36 AM, OCTOBER 11, SHELTER 109
FLAP
FLAP

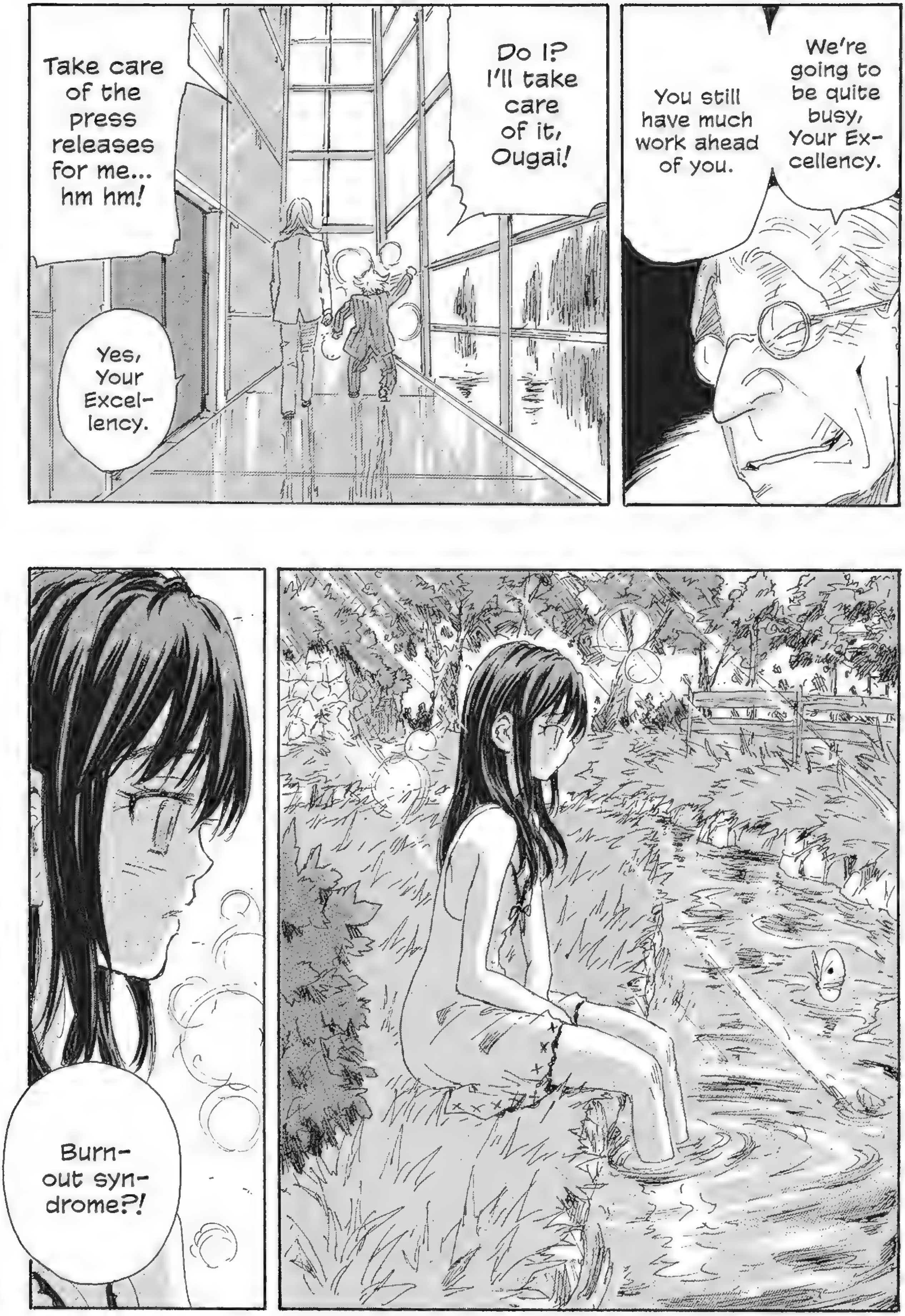

Nuclear war?!

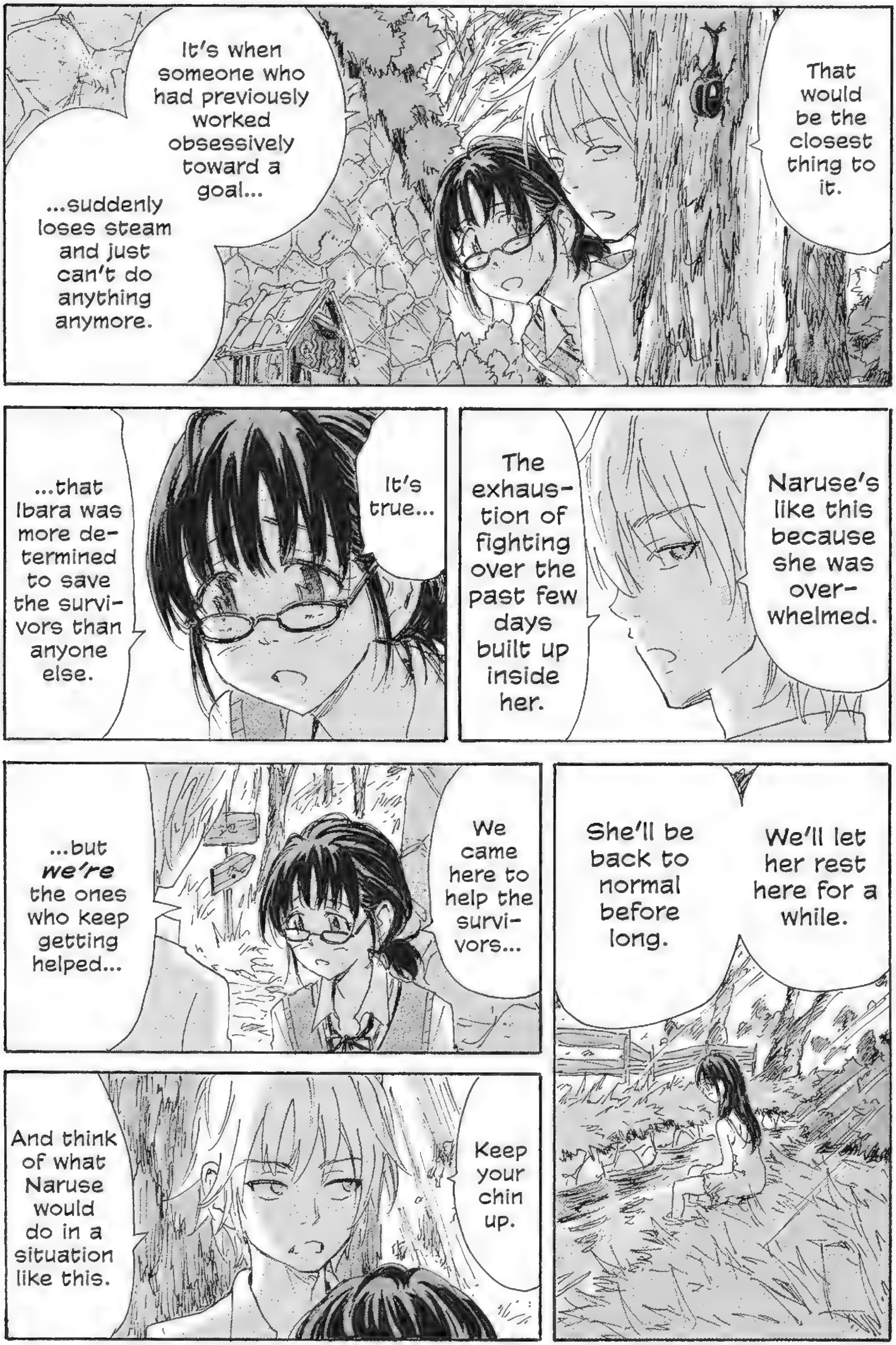

There's going to be a nuclear war?!
What on Earth are you talking about, Miss Ozu?!
That's what Dr. Coppelius is predicting—
That sometime soon, the world's gonna have a nuclear war!
They talked about the U.S. military intervention in Kazakhstan...
...on the news last night, remember?
So... the military intervention will escalate into a nuclear war?
Yeah—if our self-proclaimed prophet is right!
I... I can't believe something so awful would—

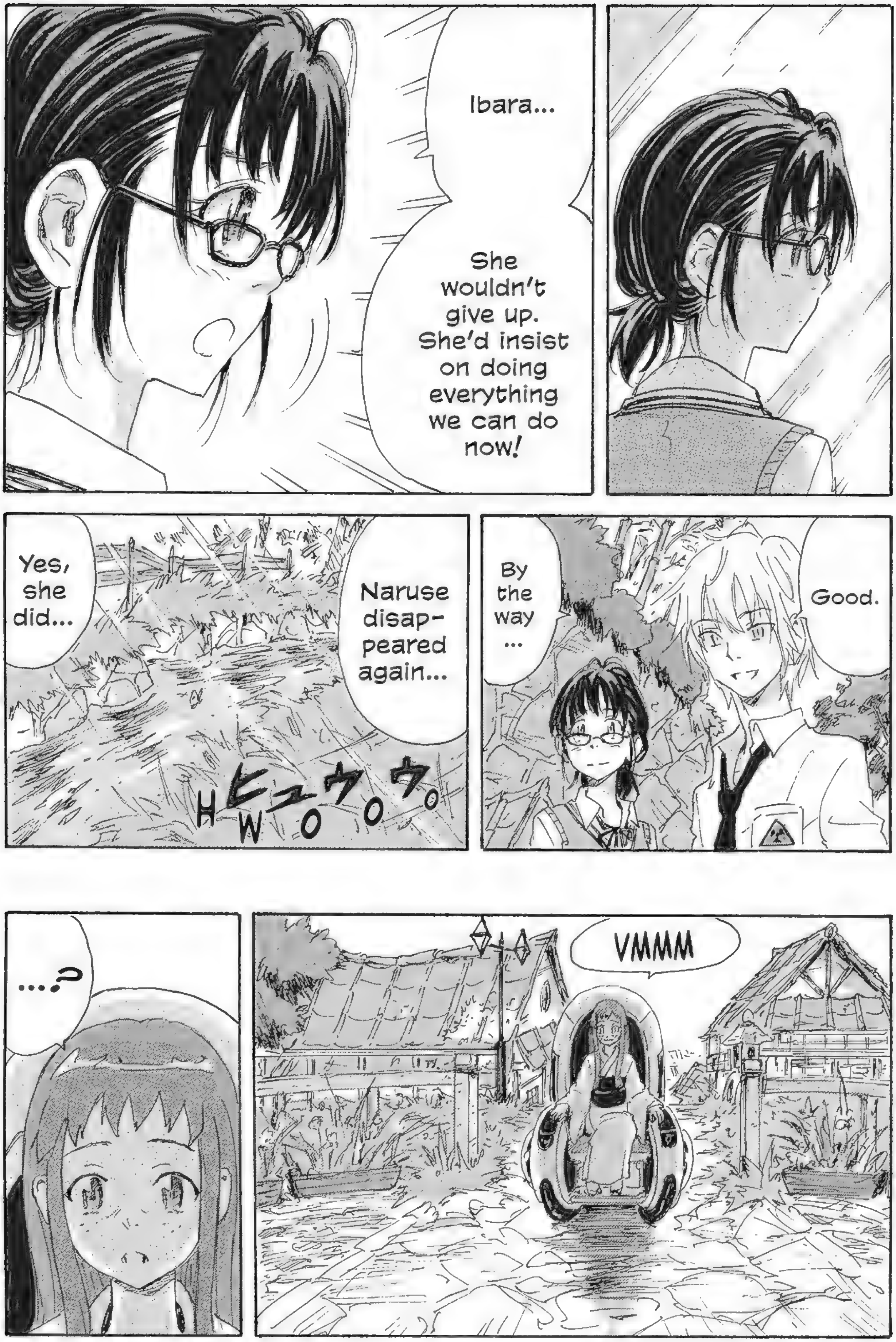

In any case...
Dr. Coppelius' schemes must involve a nuclear war.
And ...
That's what he's trying to use Aoi Fukasaku for. ...If that's true—
Please, you have to stop him!
GRAB
How on Earth could Aoi be connected to nuclear war?!
I wouldn't know!
Besides ...
Our class representative is out of commission.
Without somebody who can figure this crap out first, there's nothin' we can do.

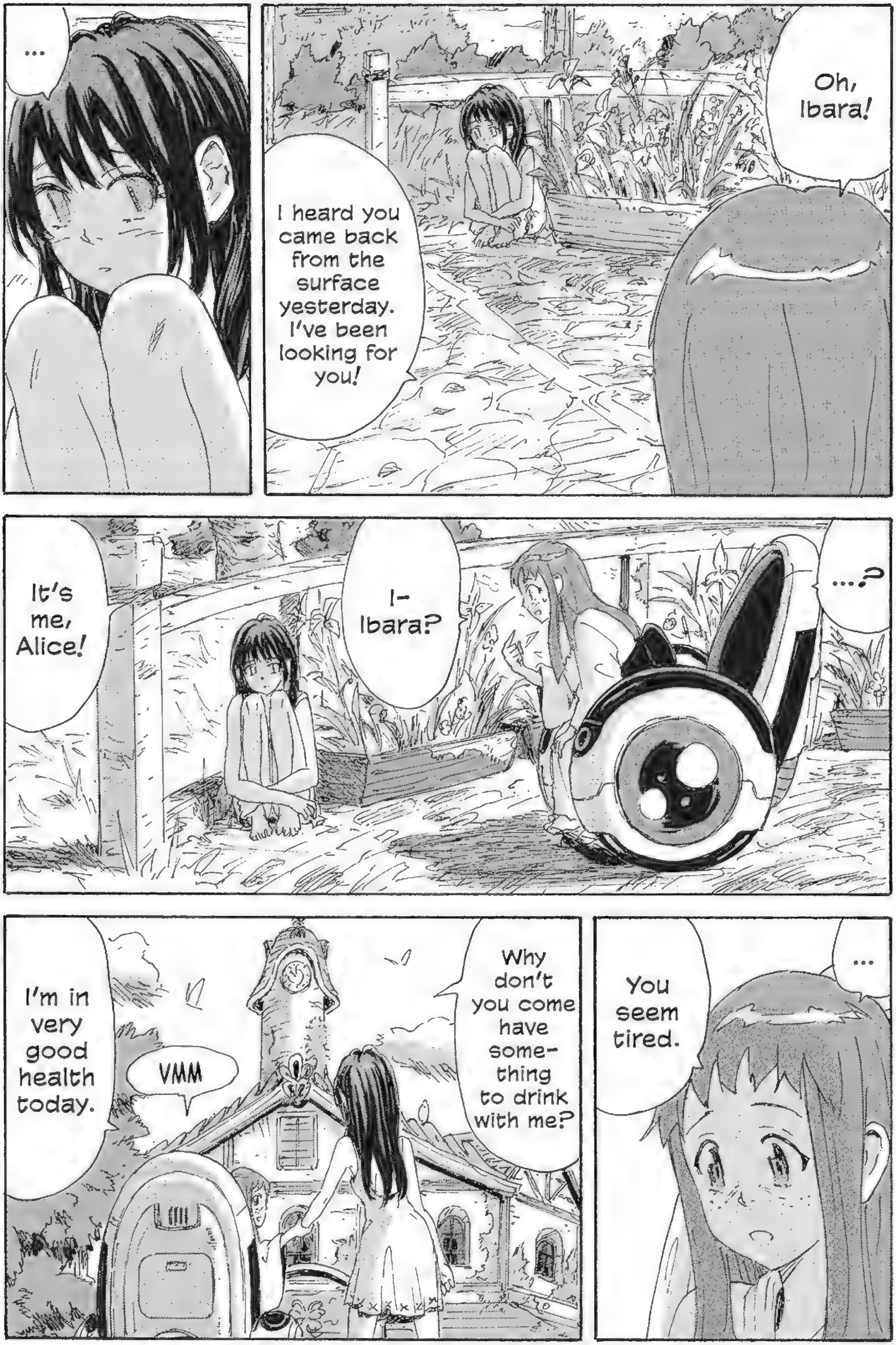

Then from now on...
...what course do we take ...?
The vice rep under her... was me.
PRIME MINISTER'S RESIDENCE, KYOTO —
Ouugaaii!
TMP
TMP
Secretary Ougai! There you are!

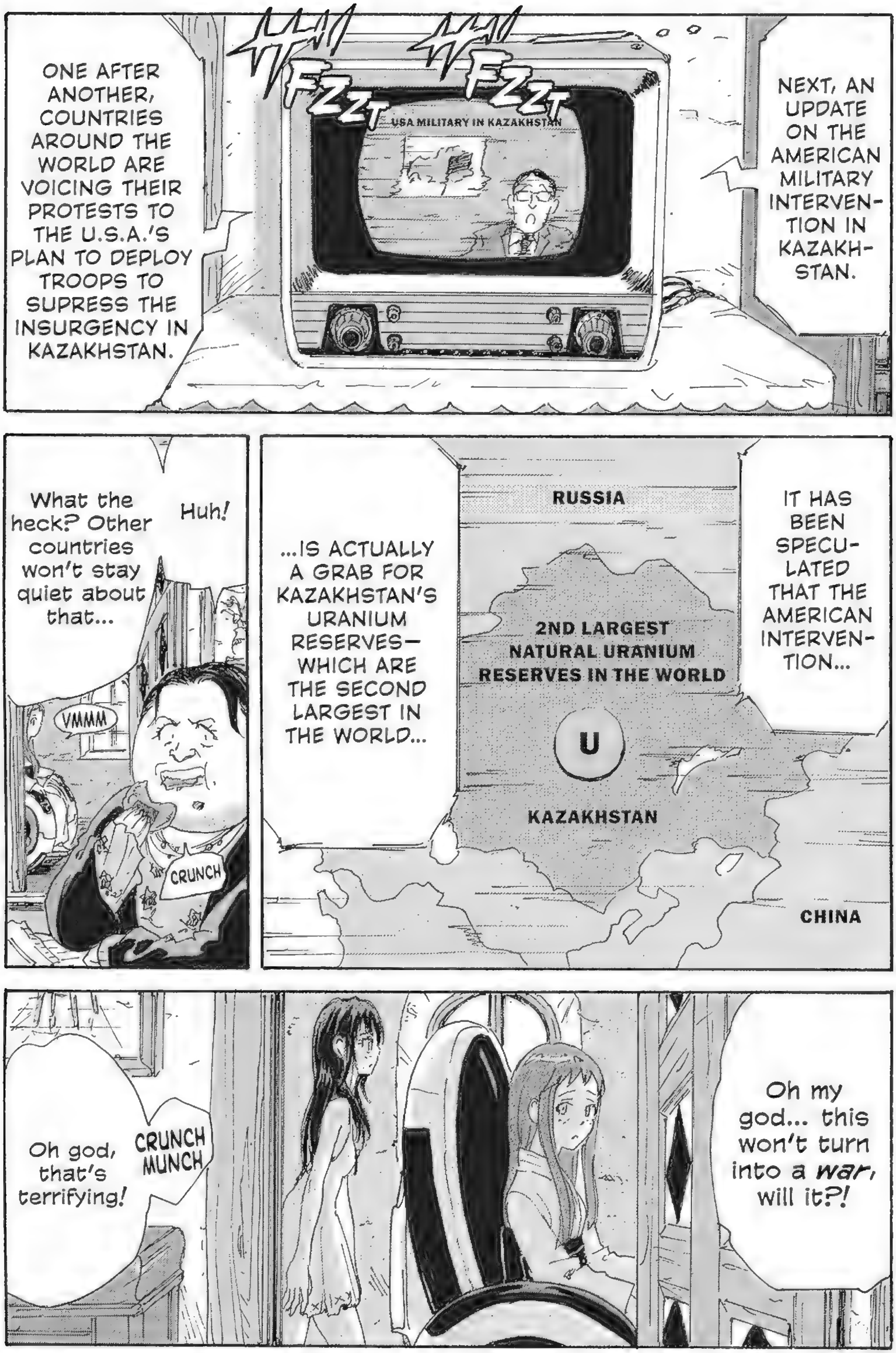

Look at this headline!
It says my approval rating has shot up to 78%!
NATSUME CABINET AP
Congratulations, Your Excellency.
I did it! My administration can continue!
But...
Why did my approval rating suddenly spike...?
Because of your performance in the Kyoto Eco Summit, of course.
The other world leaders had much praise for you.
It seems that our citizens are partial to foreign praise.
So that's it...
Hahaha! Those stupid voters!

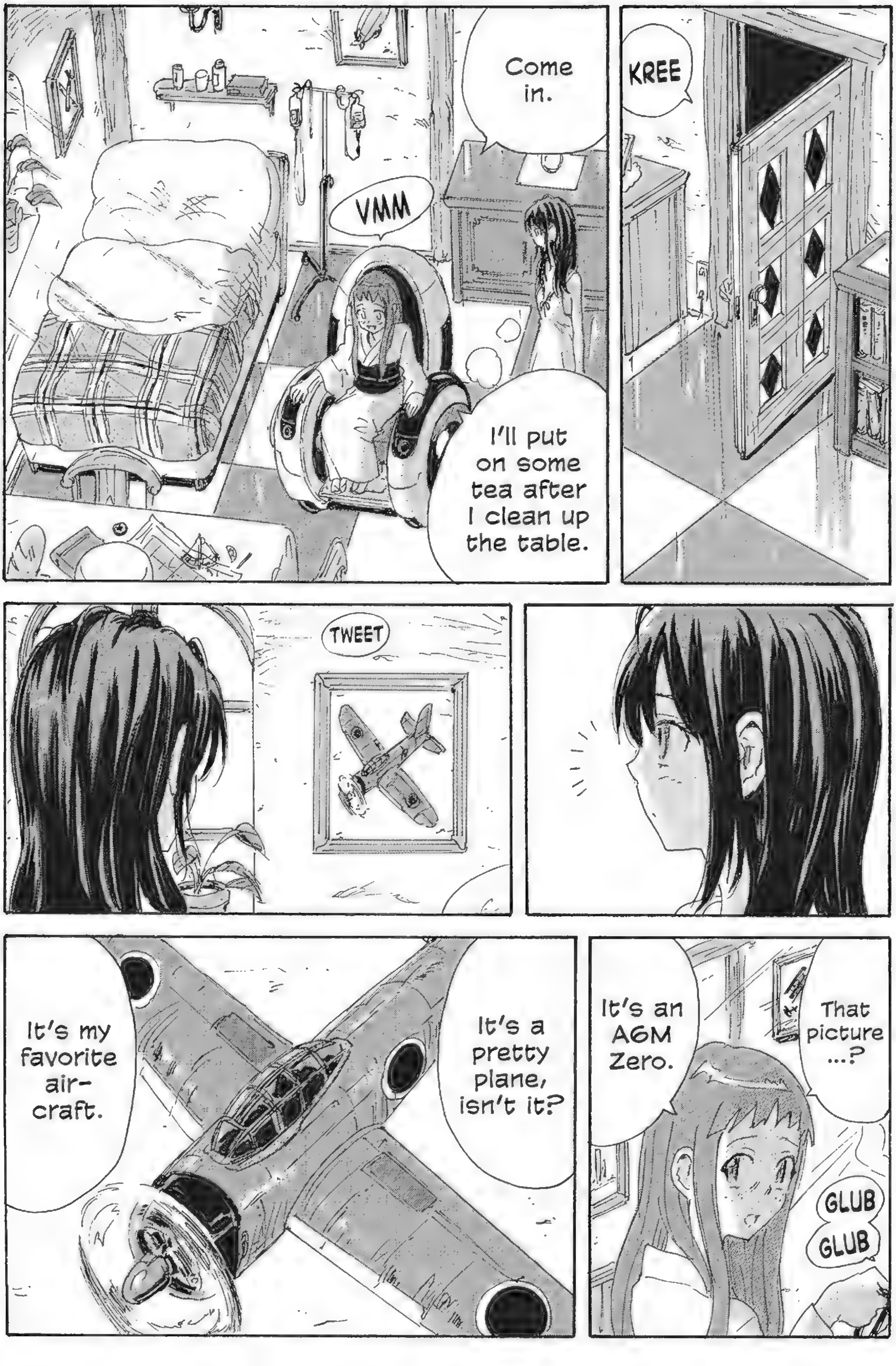

We're going to be quite busy, Your Excellency.
You still have much work ahead of you.
Do I? I'll take care of it, Ougai!
Take care of the press releases for me... hm hm!
Yes, Your Excellency.
Burn-out syndrome?!

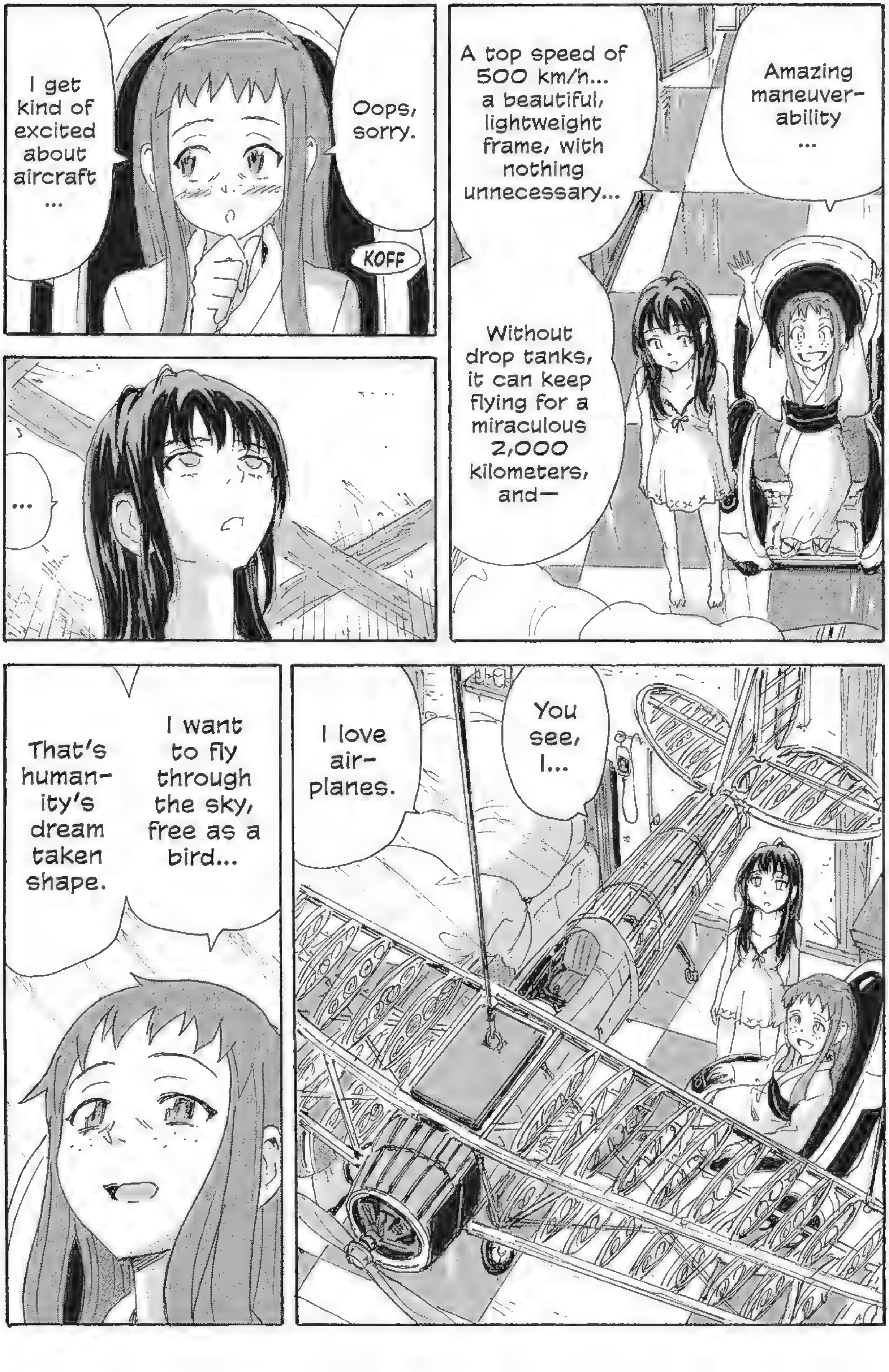

That would be the closest thing to it.
It's when someone who had previously worked obsessively toward a goal...
...suddenly loses steam and just can't do anything anymore.
Naruse's like this because she was overwhelmed.
The exhaustion of fighting over the past few days built up inside her.
It's true...
...that Ibara was more determined to save the survivors than anyone else.
We'll let her rest here for a while.
She'll be back to normal before long.
We came here to help the survivors...
...but *we're* the ones who keep getting helped...
Keep your chin up.
And think of what Naruse would do in a situation like this.

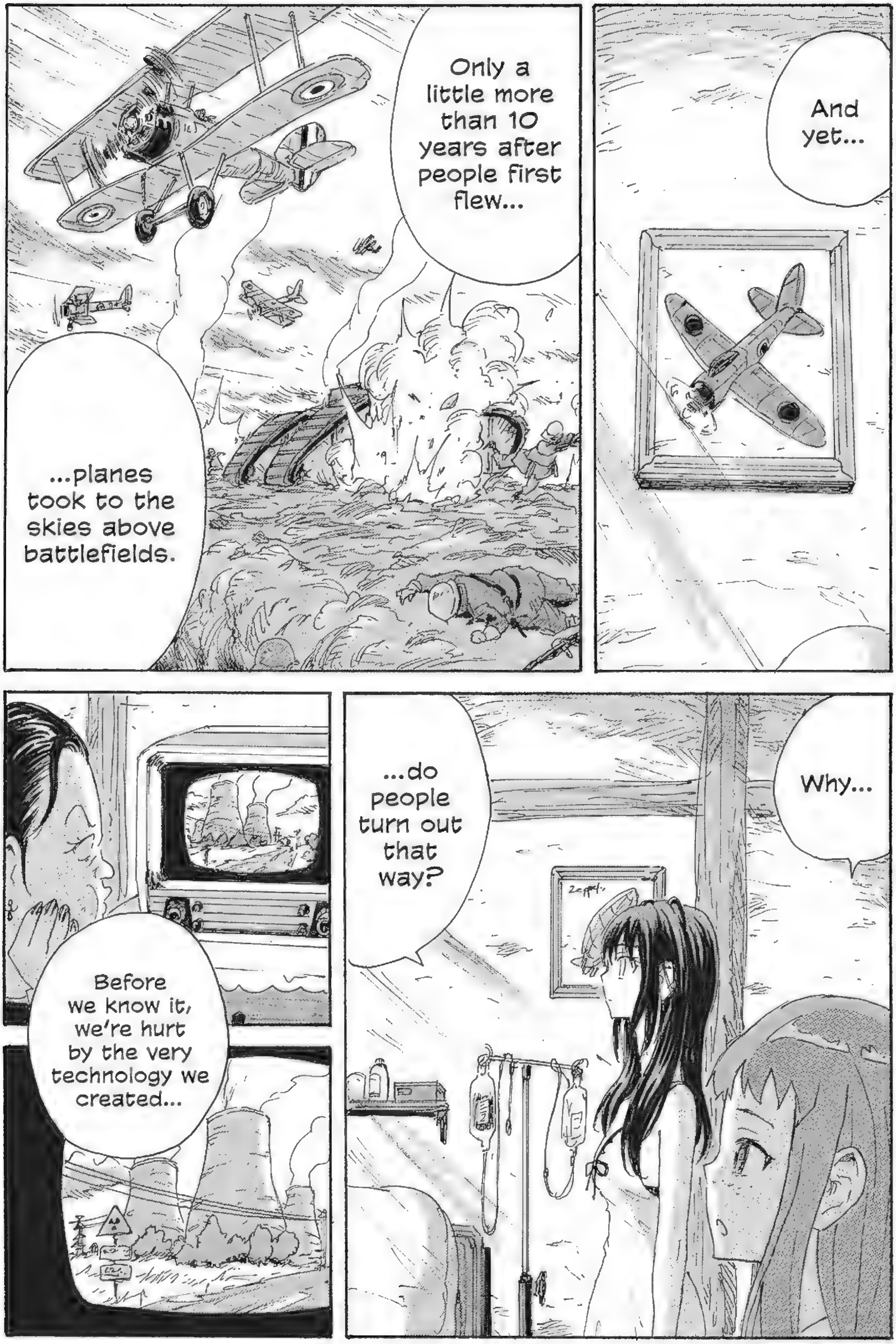

Ibara...
She wouldn't give up. She'd insist on doing everything we can do now!
Good.
By the way ...
Naruse disappeared again...
Yes, she did...
ヒュウウ
HWOOO
VMMM
...?

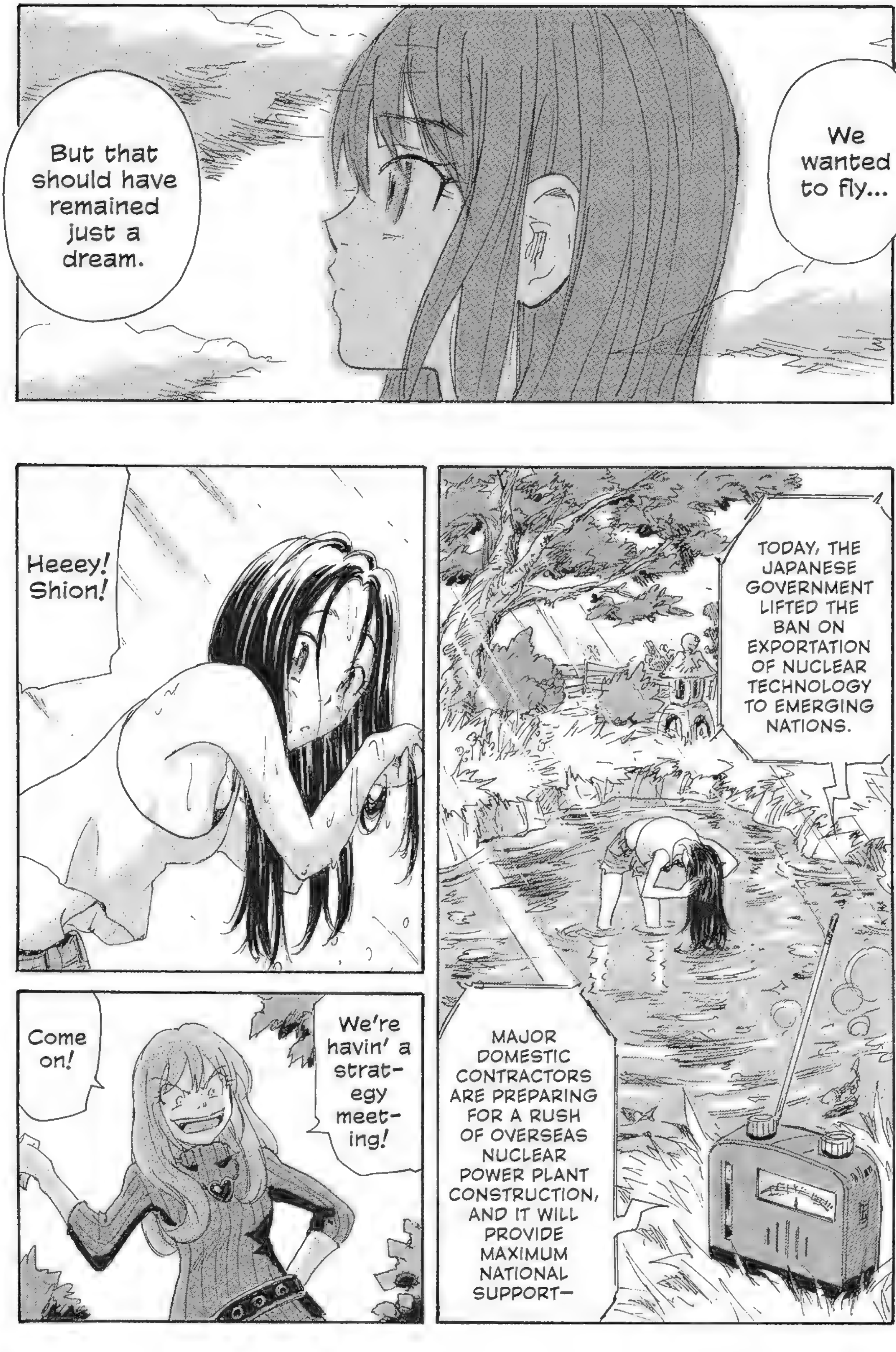

Oh, Ibara!
I heard you came back from the surface yesterday. I've been looking for you!
...
...?
I- Ibara?
It's me, Alice!
...
You seem tired.
Why don't you come have something to drink with me?
VMM
I'm in very good health today.

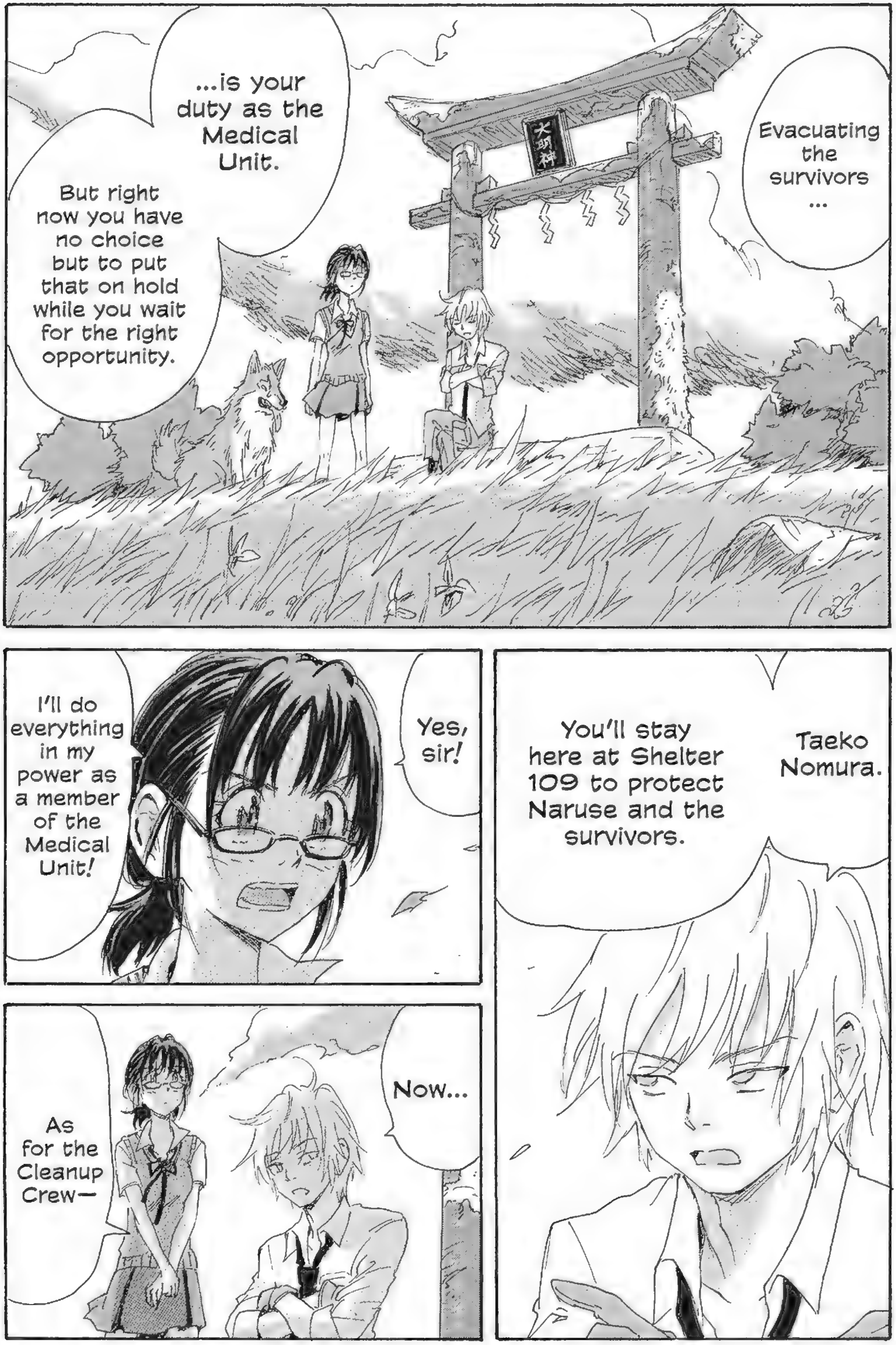

FZZT FZZT
USA MILITARY IN KAZAKHSTAN
NEXT, AN UPDATE ON THE AMERICAN MILITARY INTERVENTION IN KAZAKHSTAN.
ONE AFTER ANOTHER, COUNTRIES AROUND THE WORLD ARE VOICING THEIR PROTESTS TO THE U.S.A.'S PLAN TO DEPLOY TROOPS TO SUPRESS THE INSURGENCY IN KAZAKHSTAN.
IT HAS BEEN SPECULATED THAT THE AMERICAN INTERVENTION...
RUSSIA
2ND LARGEST NATURAL URANIUM RESERVES IN THE WORLD
U
KAZAKHSTAN
CHINA
...IS ACTUALLY A GRAB FOR KAZAKHSTAN'S URANIUM RESERVES—WHICH ARE THE SECOND LARGEST IN THE WORLD...
Huh!
What the heck? Other countries won't stay quiet about that...
VMMM
CRUNCH
Oh my god... this won't turn into a *war*, will it?!
CRUNCH MUNCH
Oh god, that's terrifying!

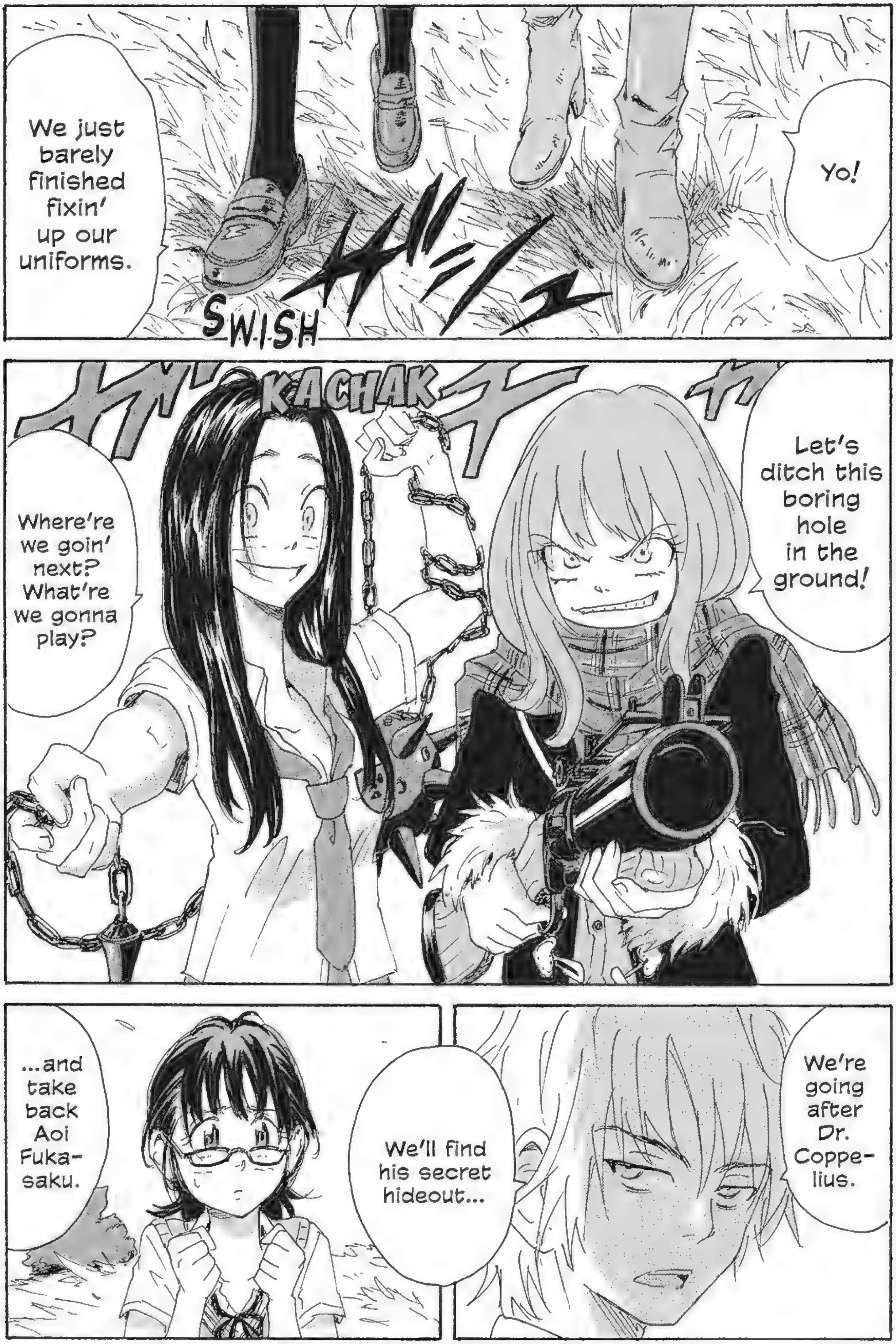

KREE
Come in.
VMM
I'll put on some tea after I clean up the table.
TWEET
That picture ...?
It's an A6M Zero.
GLUB
GLUB
It's a pretty plane, isn't it?
It's my favorite air-craft.

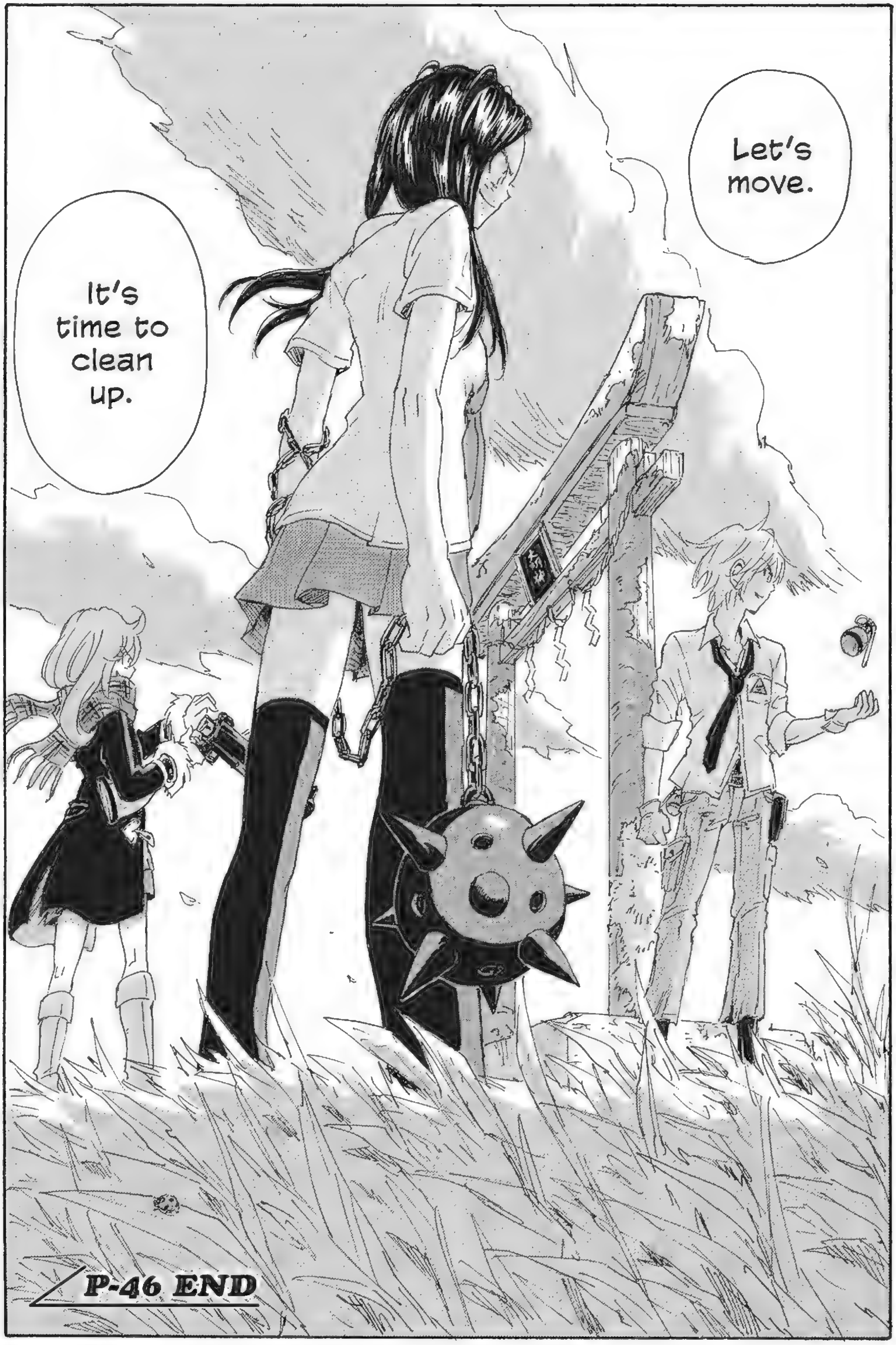

Amazing maneuver-ability...
A top speed of 500 km/h... a beautiful, lightweight frame, with nothing unnecessary...
Without drop tanks, it can keep flying for a miraculous 2,000 kilometers, and—
KOFF
Oops, sorry.
I get kind of excited about aircraft...
...
You see, I...
I love airplanes.
I want to fly through the sky, free as a bird...
That's humanity's dream taken shape.


Only a little more than 10 years after people first flew...
...planes took to the skies above battlefields.
And yet...
Why...
...do people turn out that way?
Zeppel..
Before we know it, we're hurt by the very technology we created...

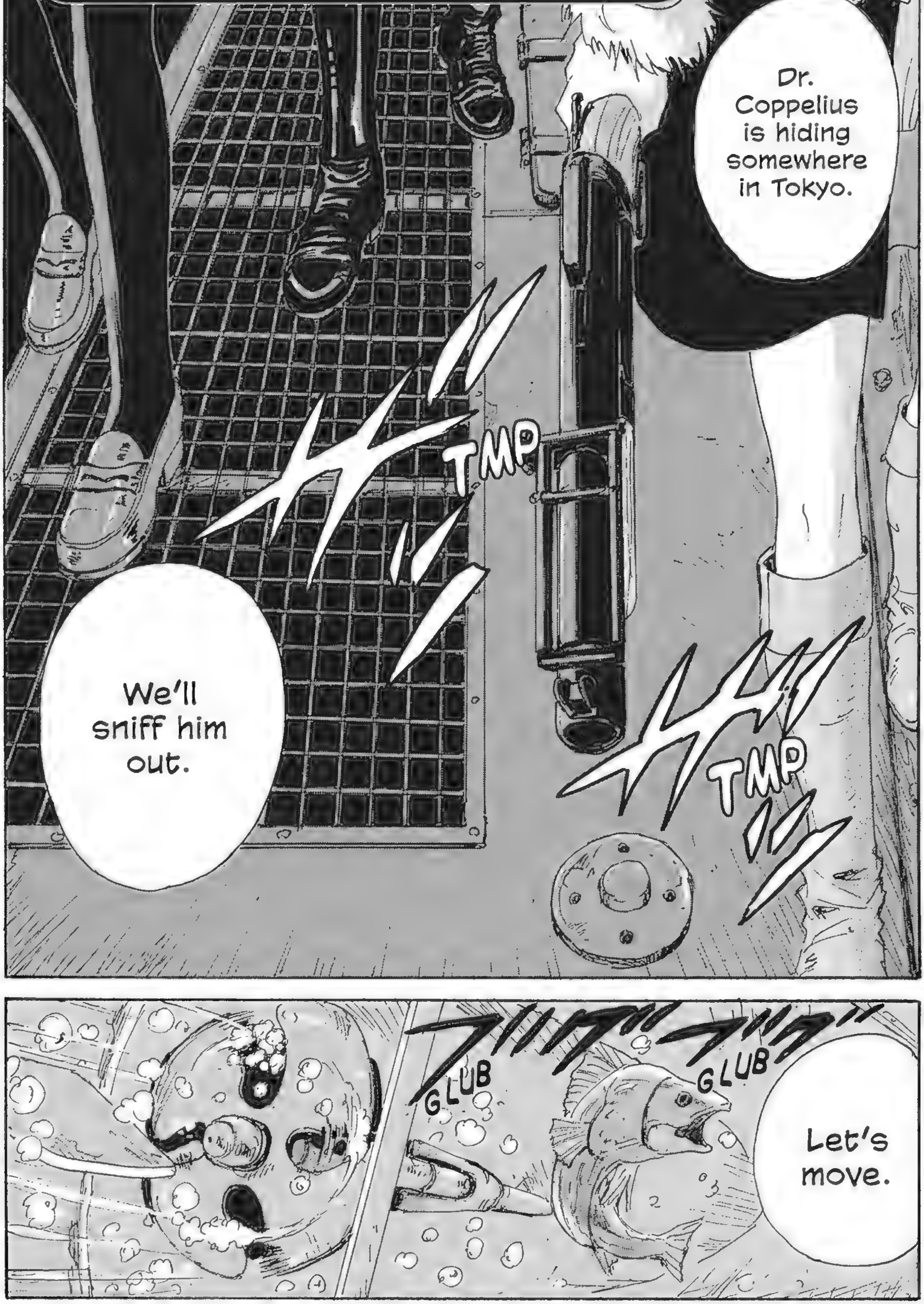

We wanted to fly...
But that should have remained just a dream.
TODAY, THE JAPANESE GOVERNMENT LIFTED THE BAN ON EXPORTATION OF NUCLEAR TECHNOLOGY TO EMERGING NATIONS.
MAJOR DOMESTIC CONTRACTORS ARE PREPARING FOR A RUSH OF OVERSEAS NUCLEAR POWER PLANT CONSTRUCTION, AND IT WILL PROVIDE MAXIMUM NATIONAL SUPPORT—
Heeey! Shion!
We're havin' a strategy meeting!
Come on!

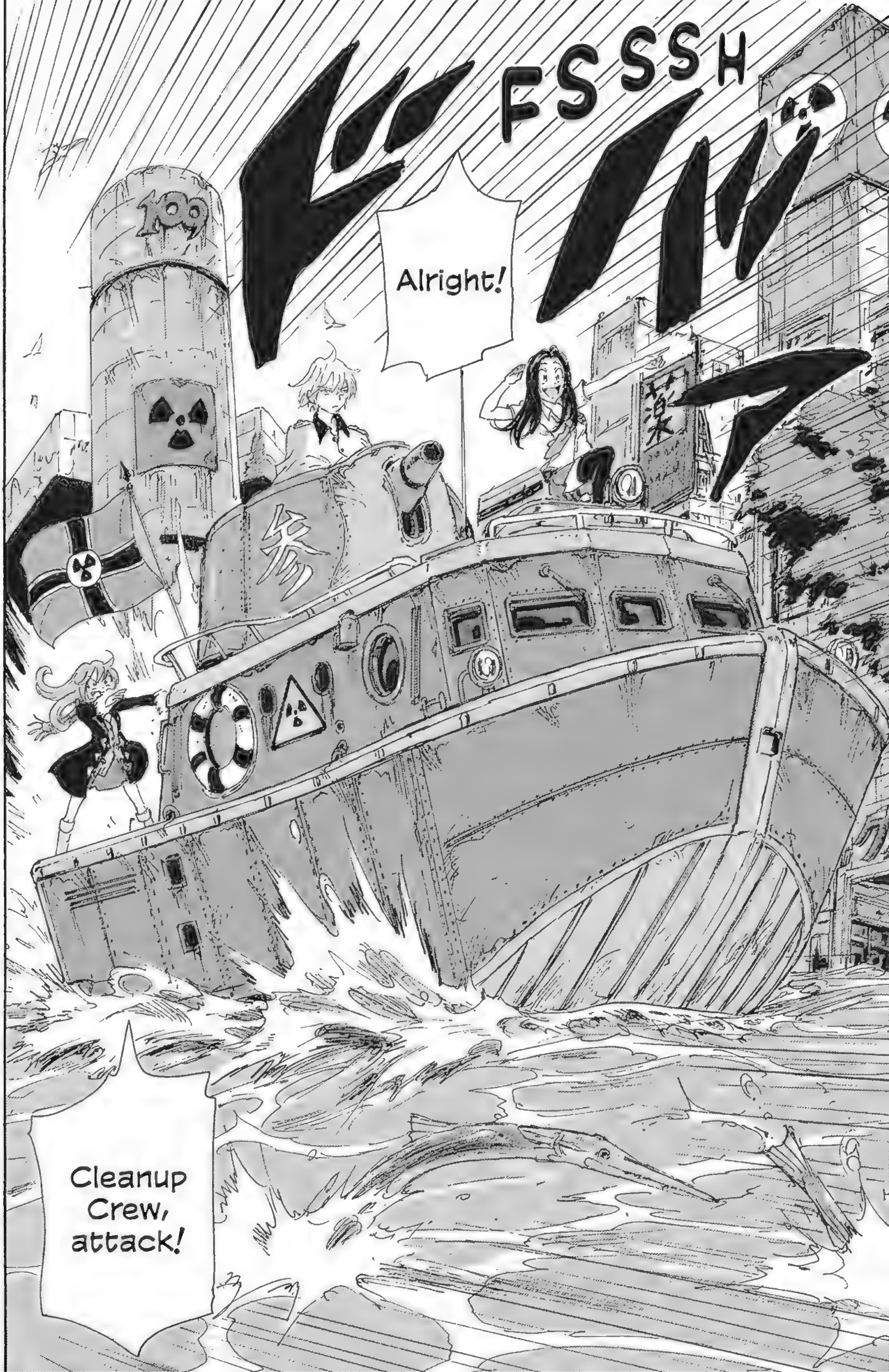

Evacuating the survivors...
...is your duty as the Medical Unit.
But right now you have no choice but to put that on hold while you wait for the right opportunity.
Taeko Nomura.
You'll stay here at Shelter 109 to protect Naruse and the survivors.
Yes, sir!
I'll do everything in my power as a member of the Medical Unit!
Now...
As for the Cleanup Crew—

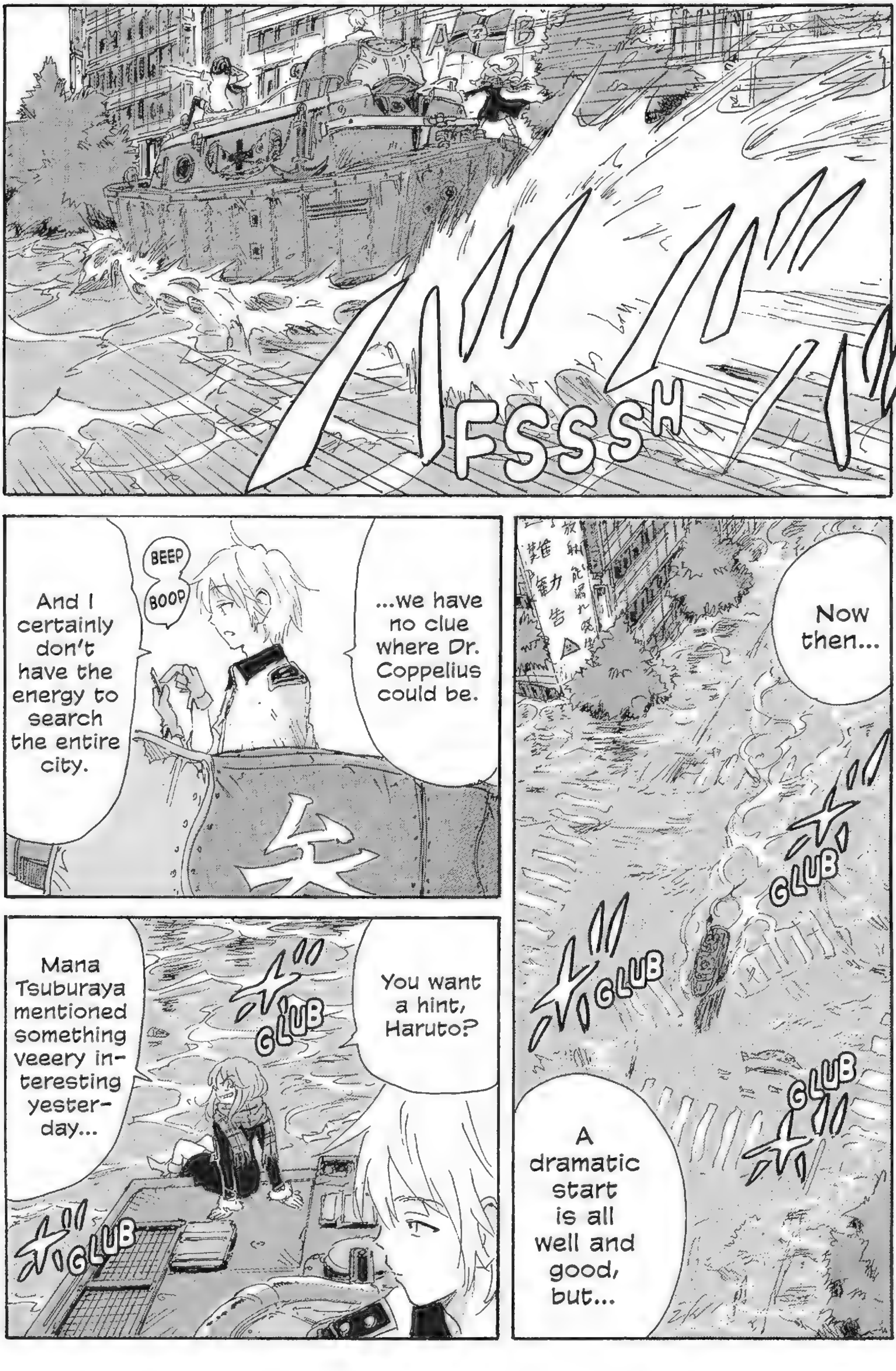

Yo!
We just barely finished fixin' up our uniforms.
SWISH
KACHAK
Let's ditch this boring hole in the ground!
Where're we goin' next? What're we gonna play?
We're going after Dr. Coppelius.
We'll find his secret hideout...
...and take back Aoi Fukasaku.

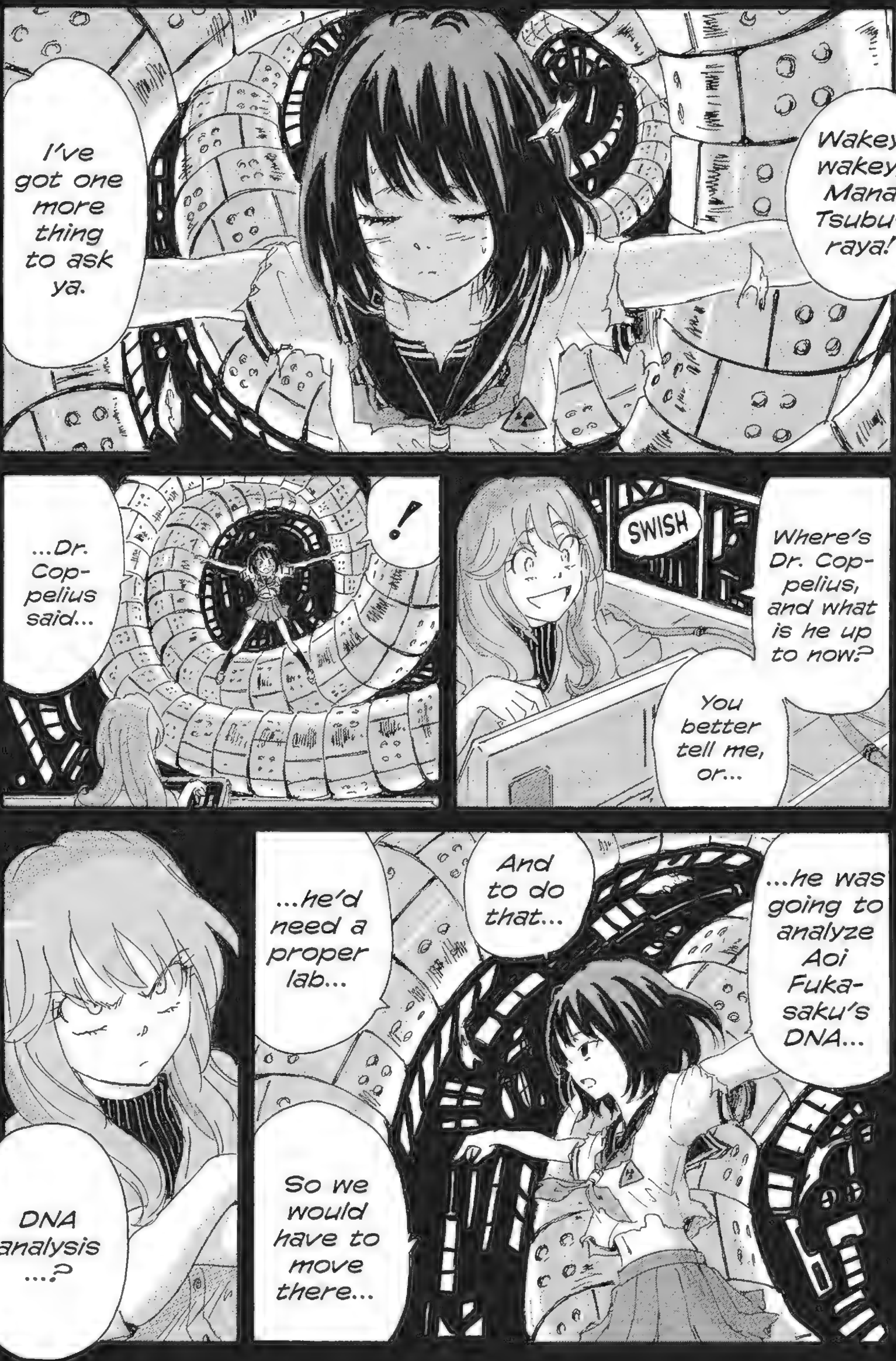

Let's move.
It's time to clean up.
P-46 END

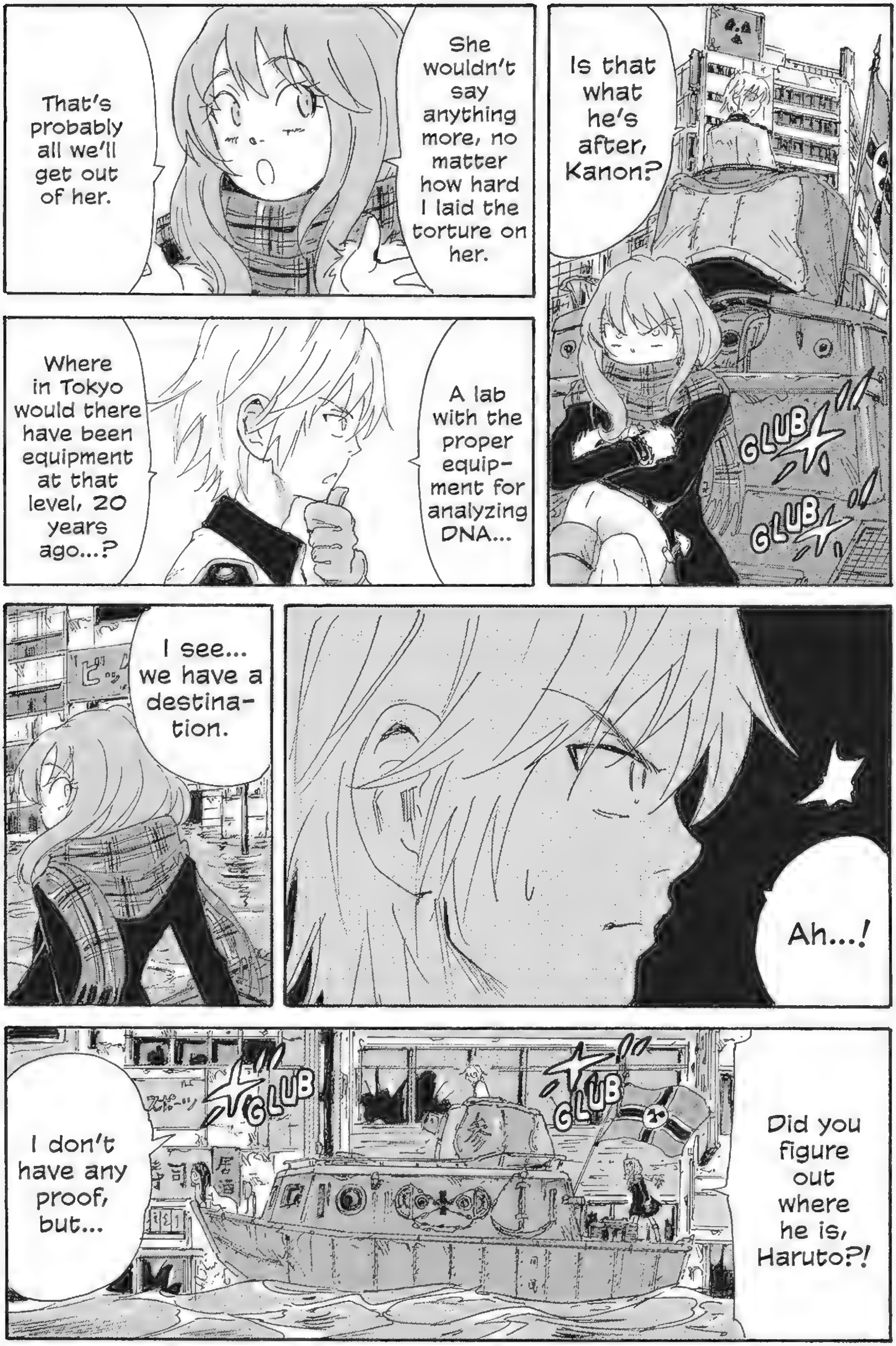
Phase.47【 One Hell of a Ride in the City of Death! 】

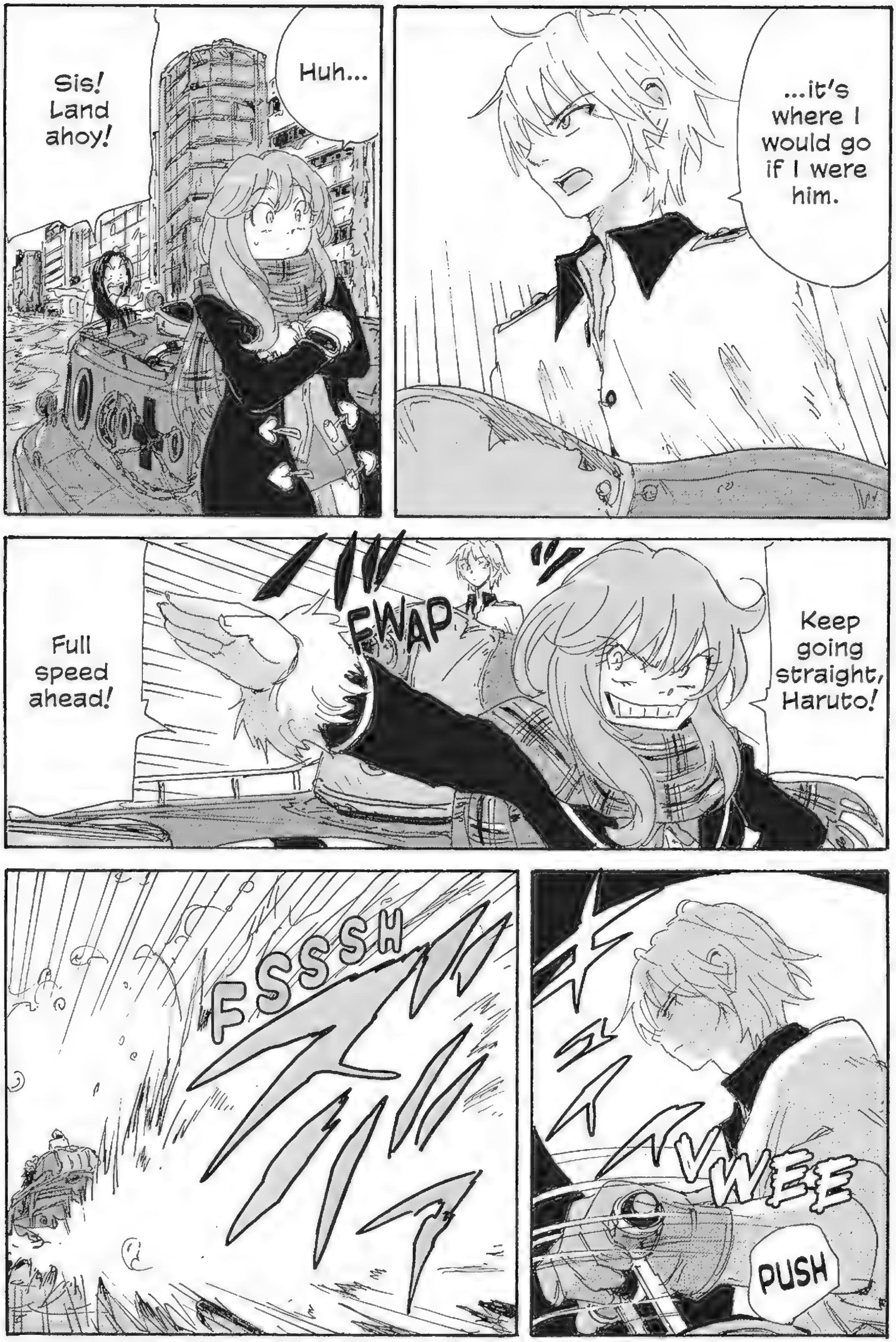

Dr. Coppelius is hiding somewhere in Tokyo.
TMP
We'll sniff him out.
TMP
GLUB
GLUB
Let's move.

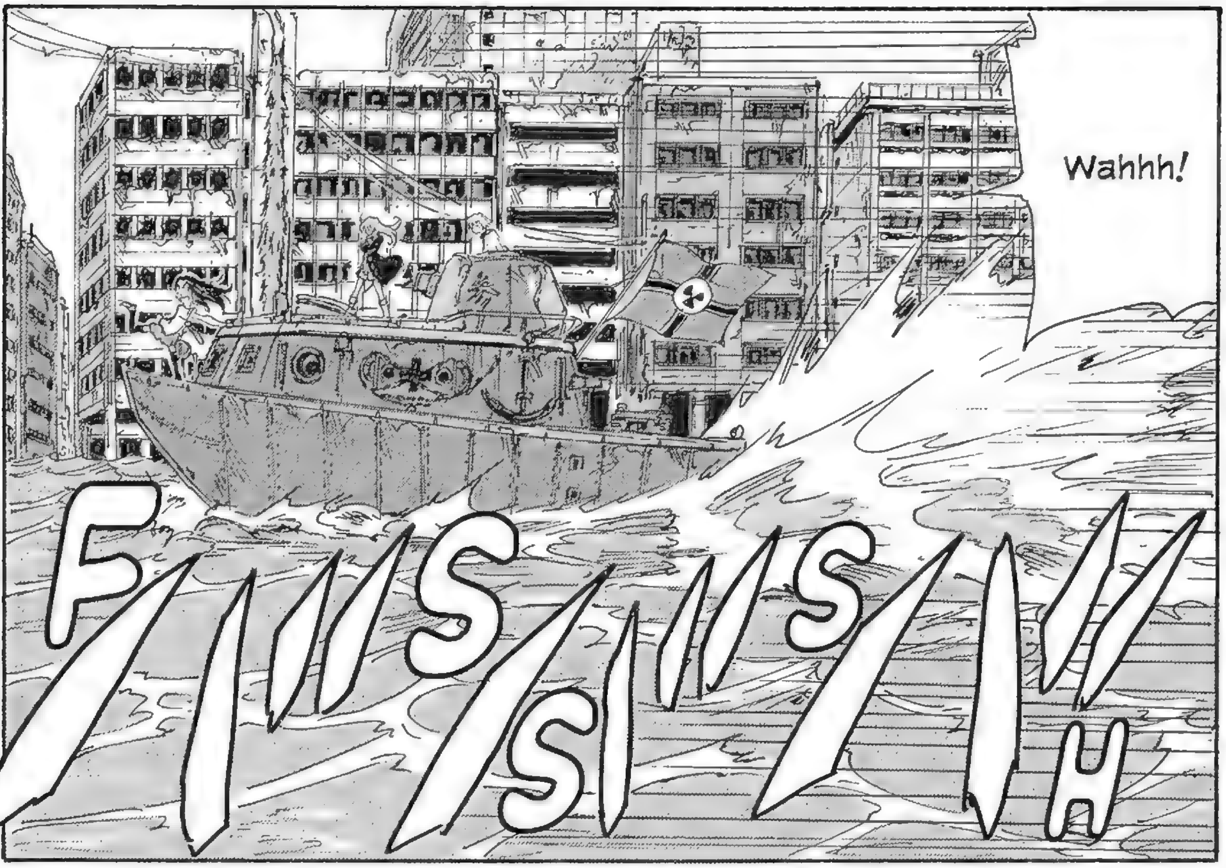

FSSSH
ドバァ
109
薬
参
Alright!
Cleanup Crew, attack!

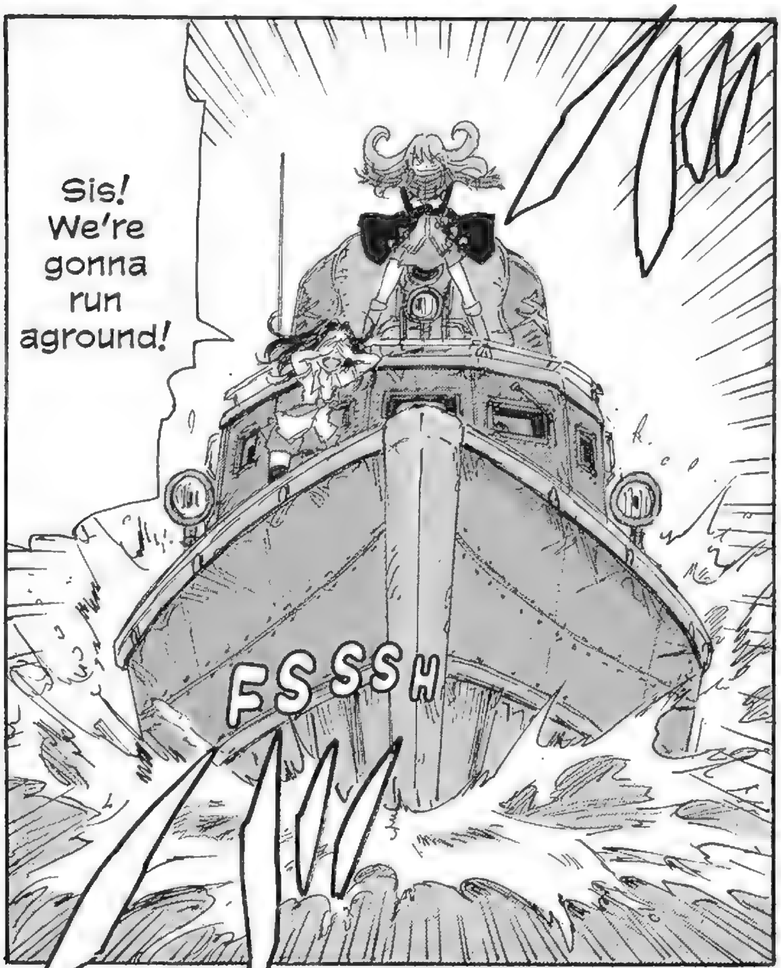

FSSSH
Now then...
GLUB
GLUB
GLUB
A dramatic start is all well and good, but...
...we have no clue where Dr. Coppelius could be.
BEEP
BOOP
And I certainly don't have the energy to search the entire city.
矢
You want a hint, Haruto?
GLUB
Mana Tsuburaya mentioned something veeery interesting yesterday...
GLUB

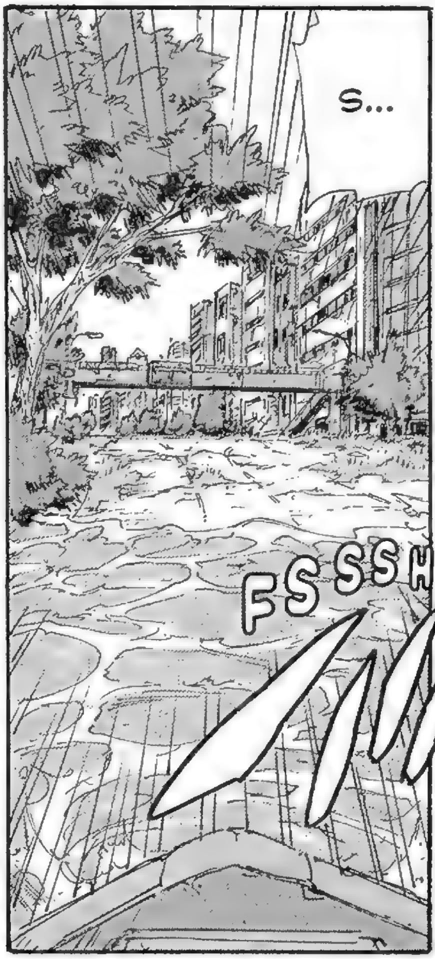

Wakey wakey, Mana Tsuburaya!
I've got one more thing to ask ya.
SWISH
Where's Dr. Coppelius, and what is he up to now?
You better tell me, or...
!
...Dr. Coppelius said...
...he was going to analyze Aoi Fukasaku's DNA...
And to do that...
...he'd need a proper lab...
So we would have to move there...
DNA analysis ...?

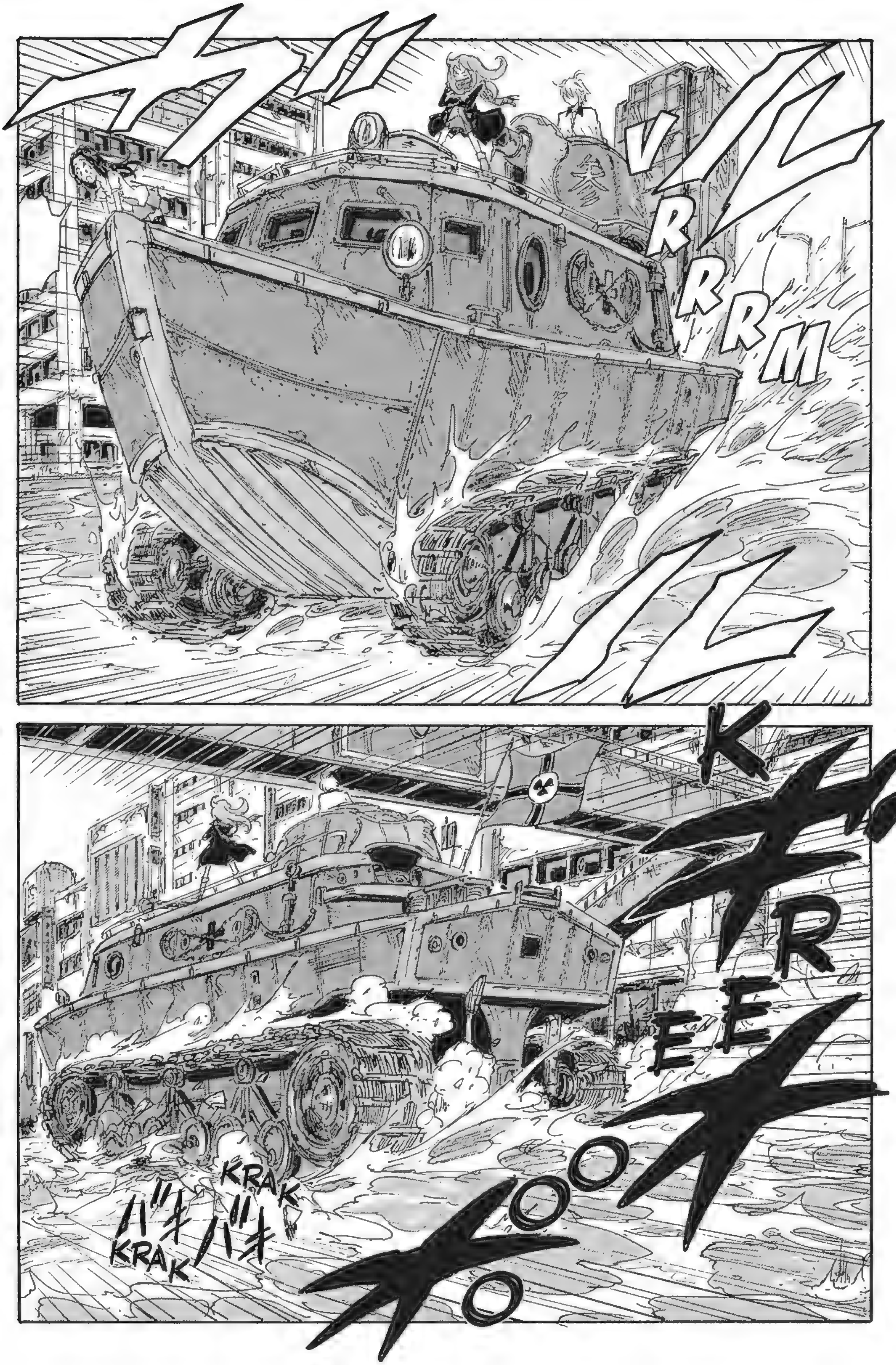

Is that what he's after, Kanon?
GLUB
GLUB
She wouldn't say anything more, no matter how hard I laid the torture on her.
That's probably all we'll get out of her.
A lab with the proper equipment for analyzing DNA...
Where in Tokyo would there have been equipment at that level, 20 years ago...?
Ah...!
I see... we have a destination.
GLUB
GLUB
Did you figure out where he is, Haruto?!
I don't have any proof, but...


Sis! Land ahoy!
Huh...
...it's where I would go if I were him.
FWAP
Full speed ahead!
Keep going straight, Haruto!
FSSSH
VWEE
PUSH


Wahhh!
FSSSH


Sis! We're gonna run aground!
FSSSH


S...
FSSSH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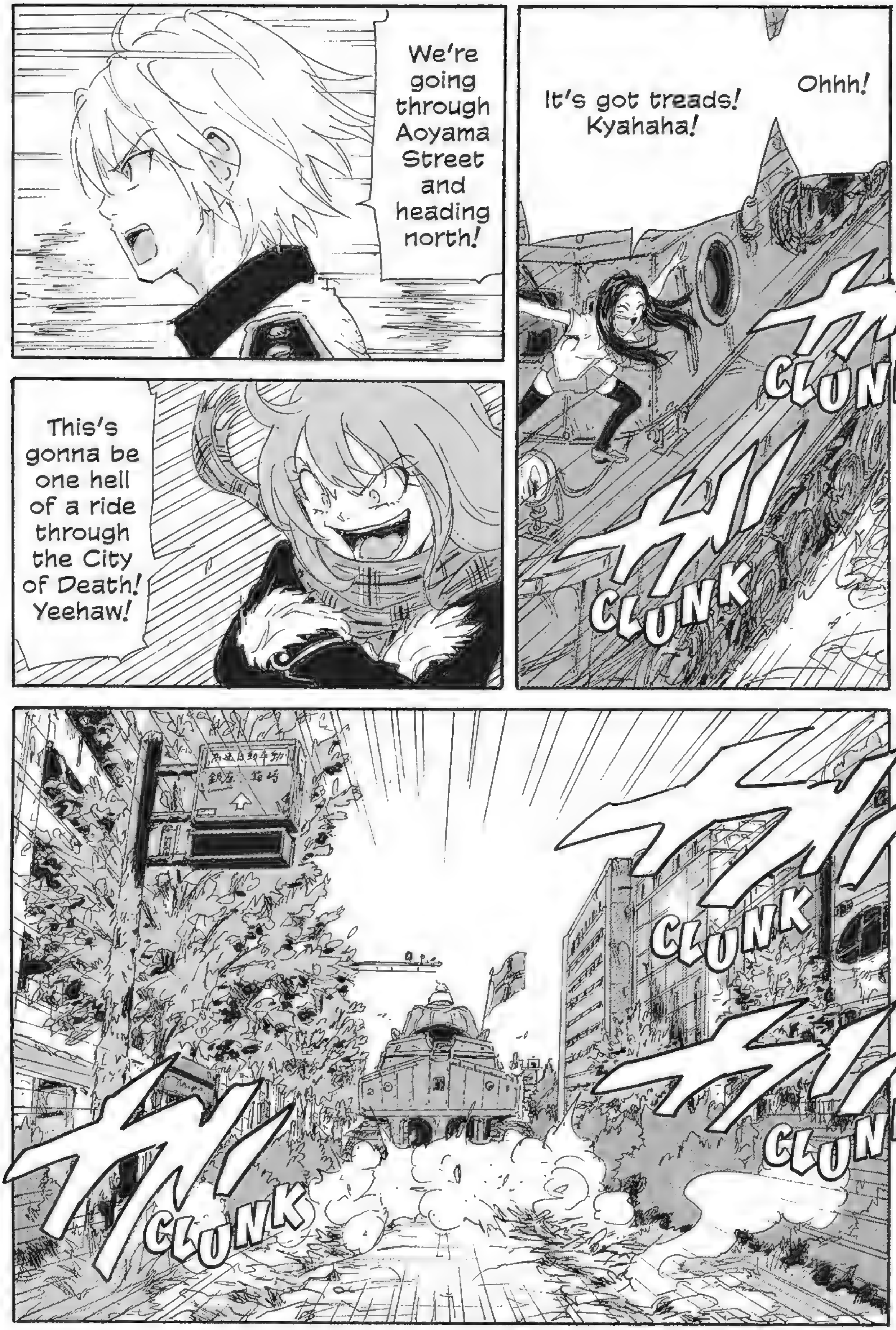
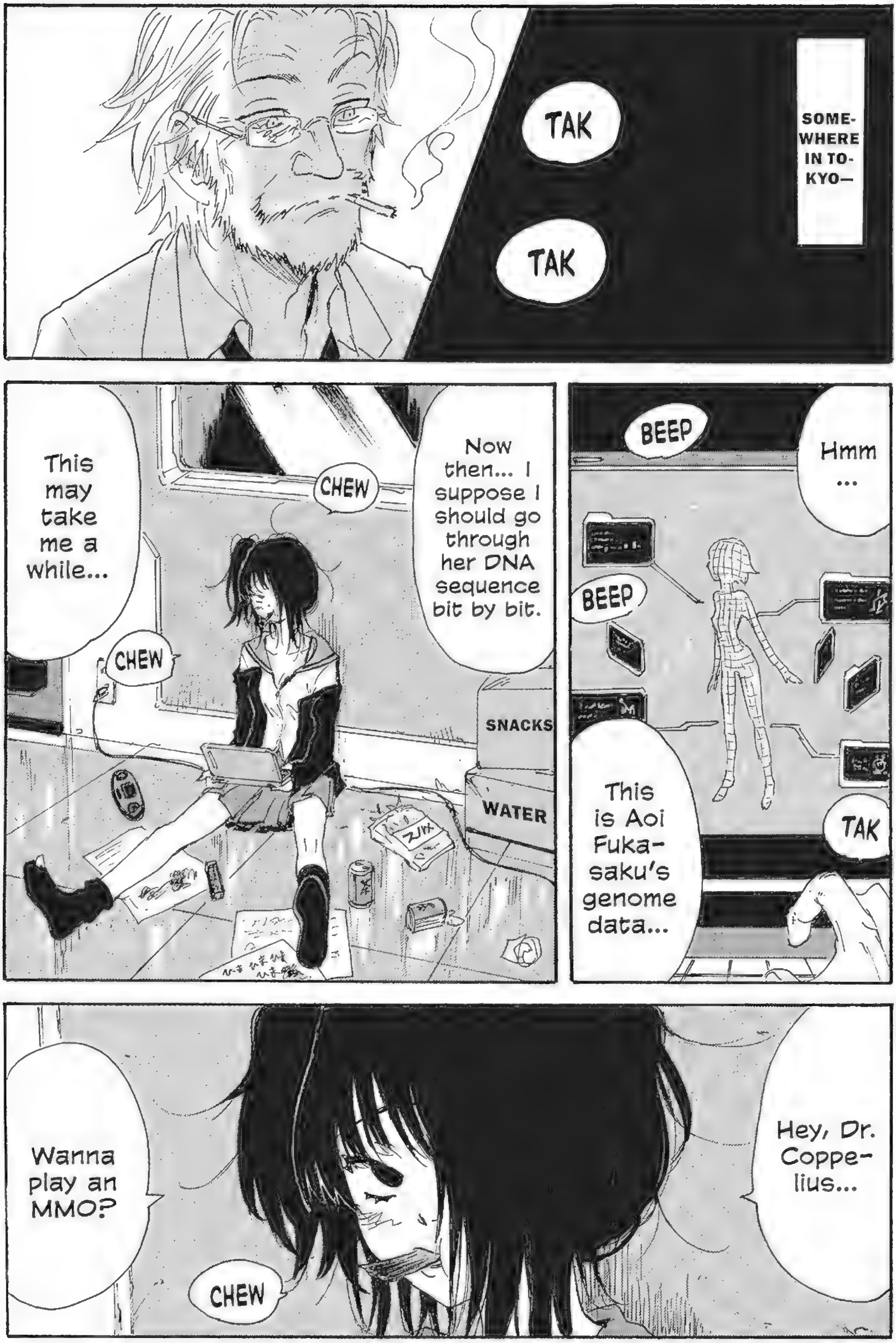
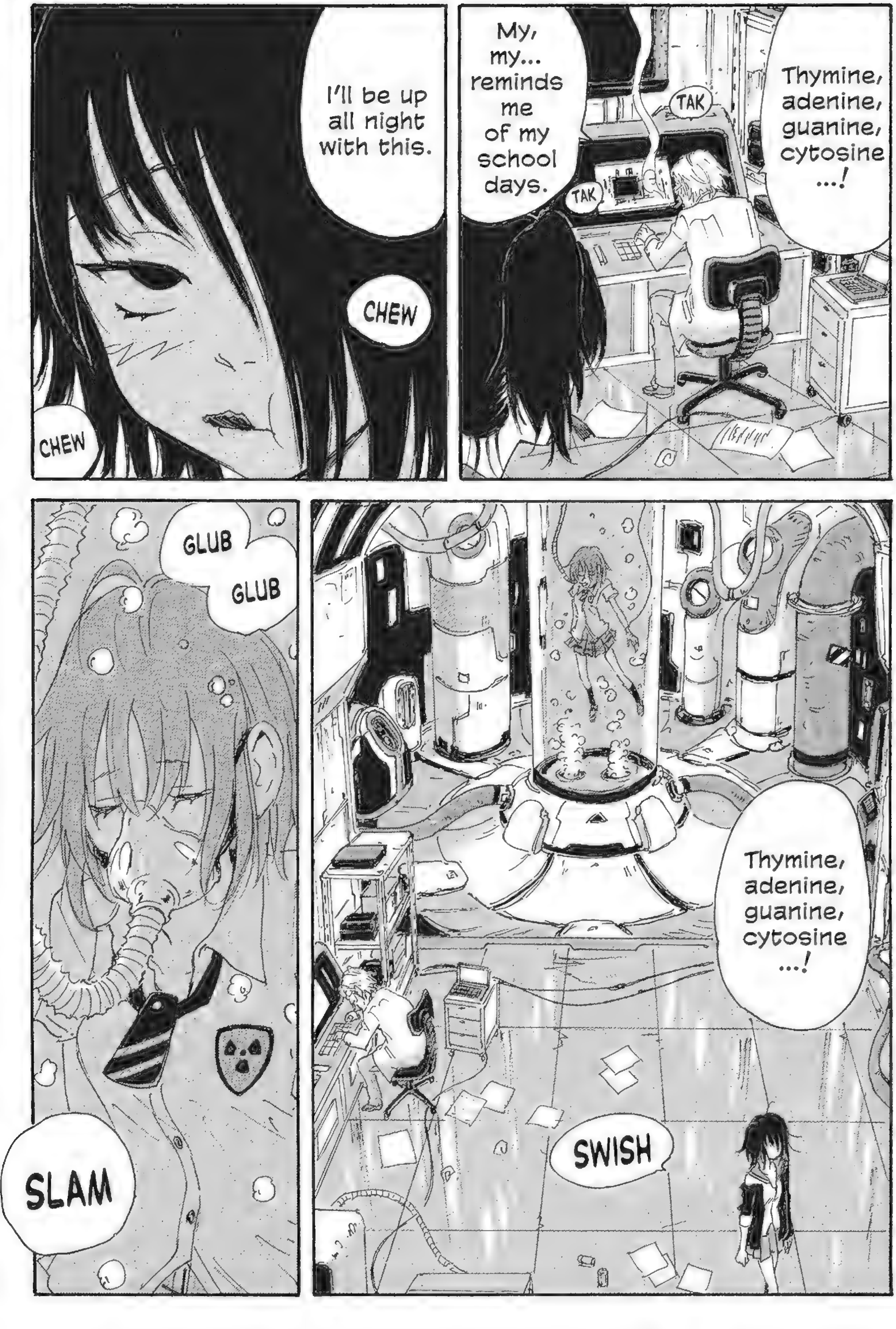
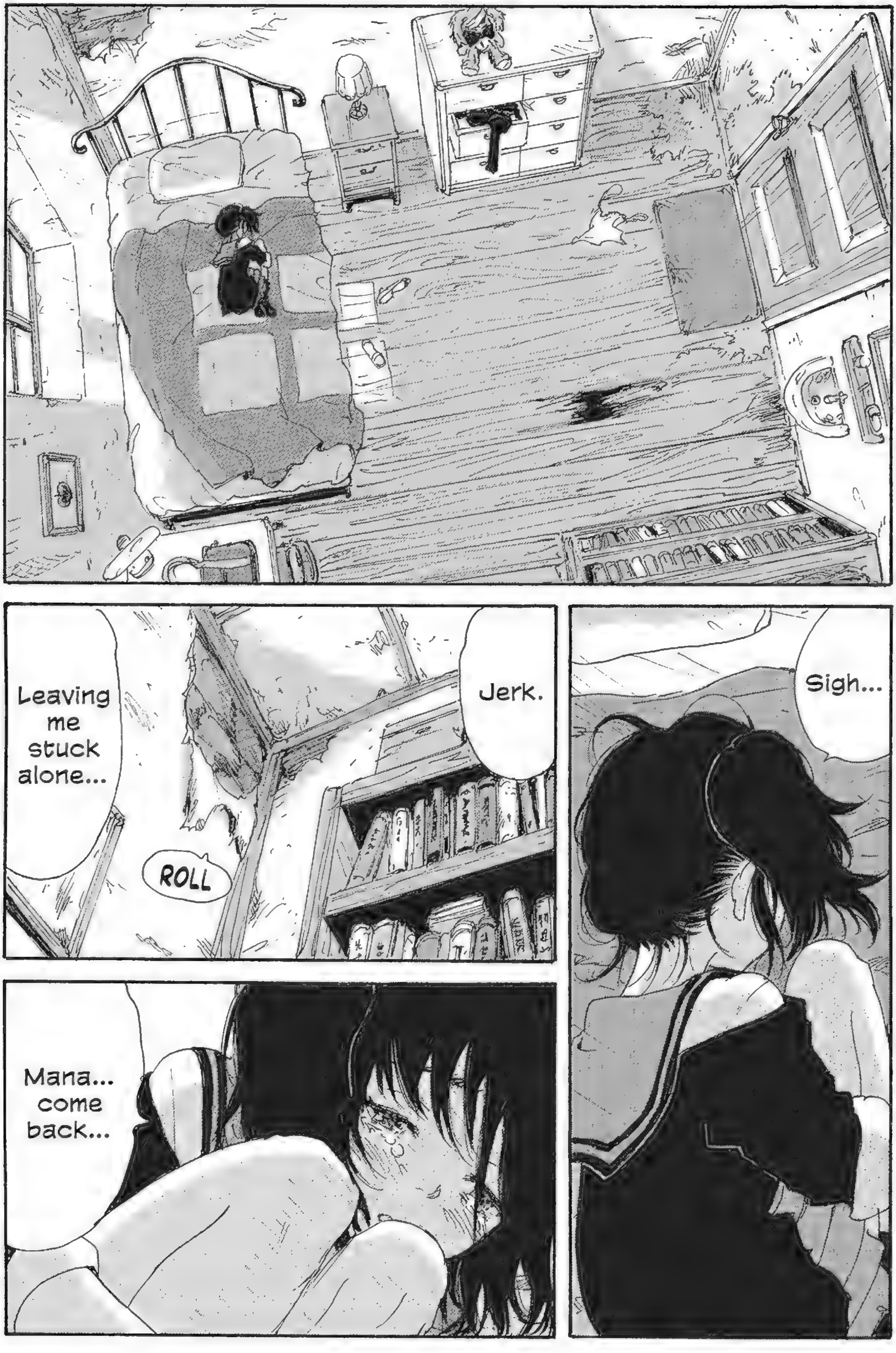
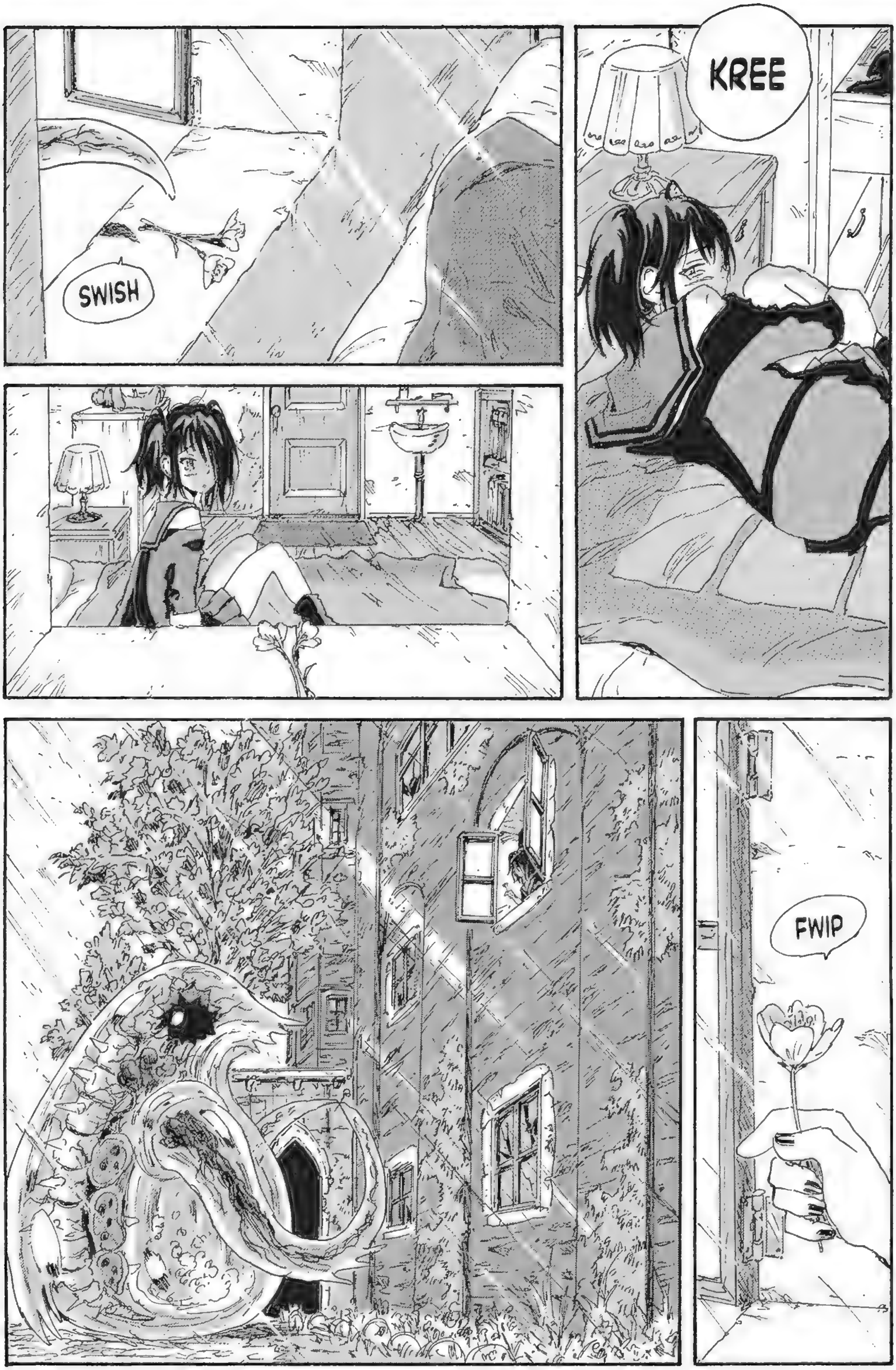
VRRRRM
KREEEOOOO
バキバキ
KRAK
KRAK

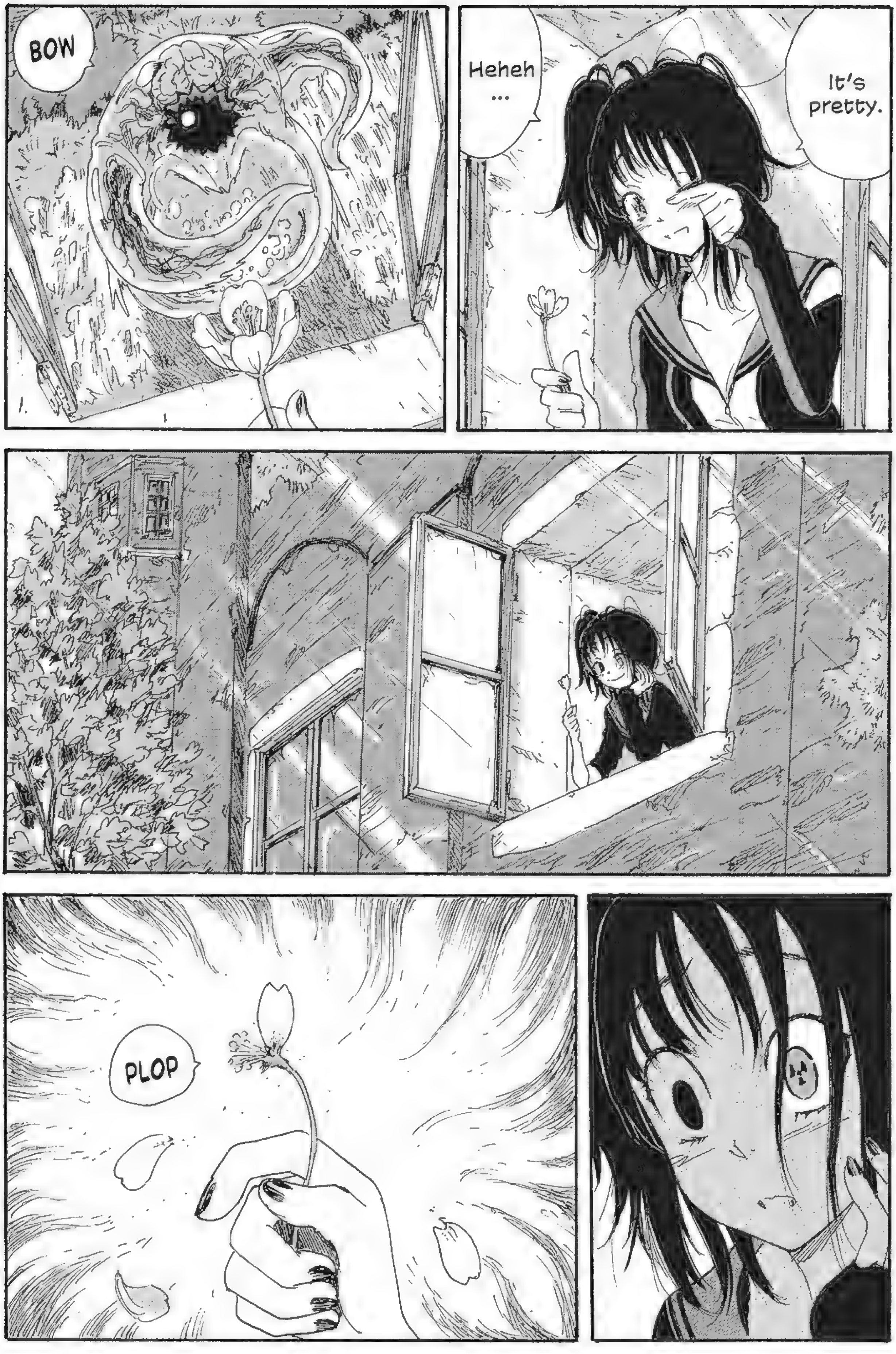

Ohhh!
It's got treads! Kyahaha!
CLUNK
CLUNK
We're going through Aoyama Street and heading north!
This's gonna be one hell of a ride through the City of Death! Yeehaw!
CLUNK
CLUNK
CLUNK

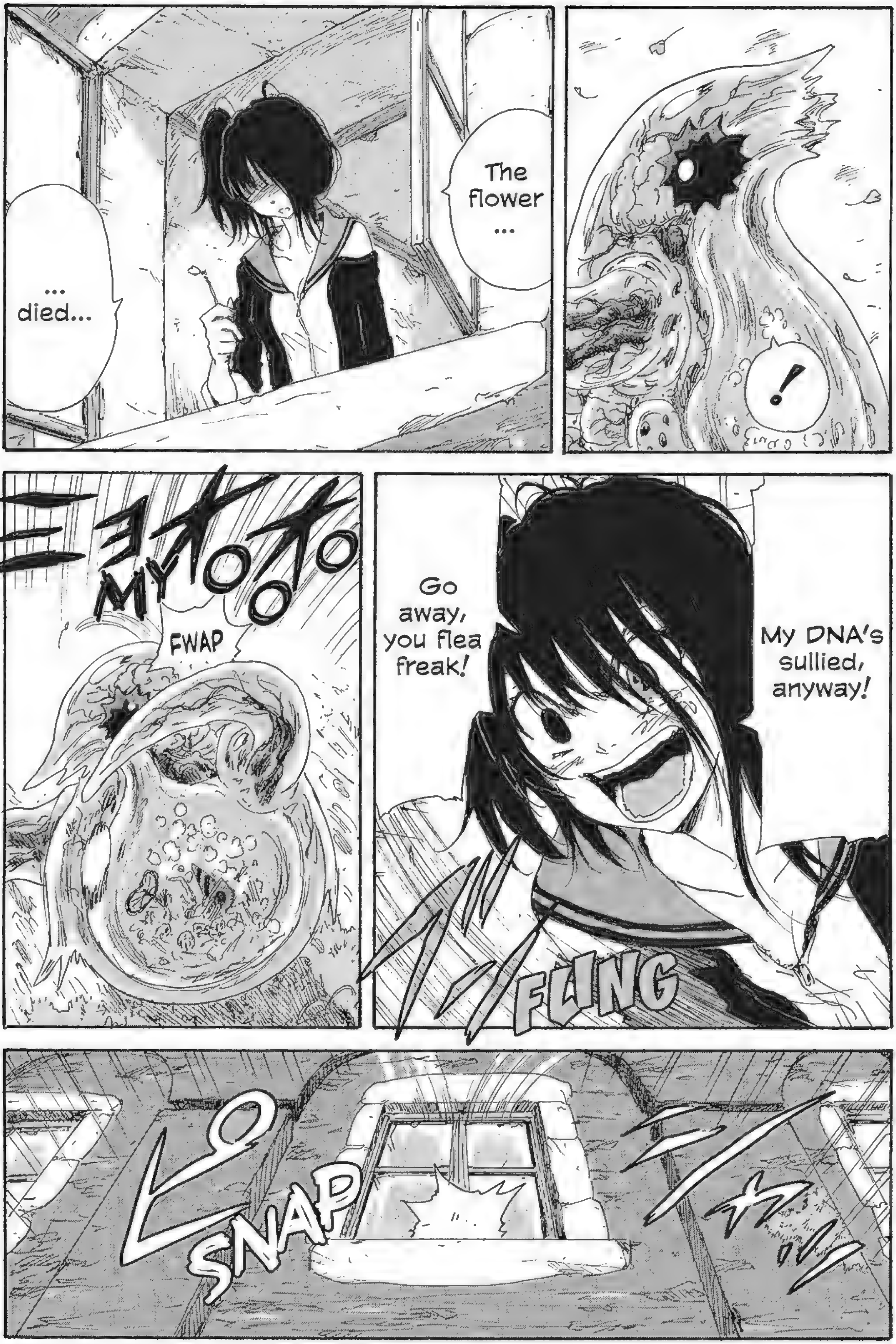

SOMEWHERE IN TOKYO—
TAK
TAK
Hmm...
BEEP
BEEP
This is Aoi Fukasaku's genome data...
TAK
Now then... I suppose I should go through her DNA sequence bit by bit.
CHEW
This may take me a while...
CHEW
SNACKS
WATER
Hey, Dr. Coppelius...
Wanna play an MMO?
CHEW

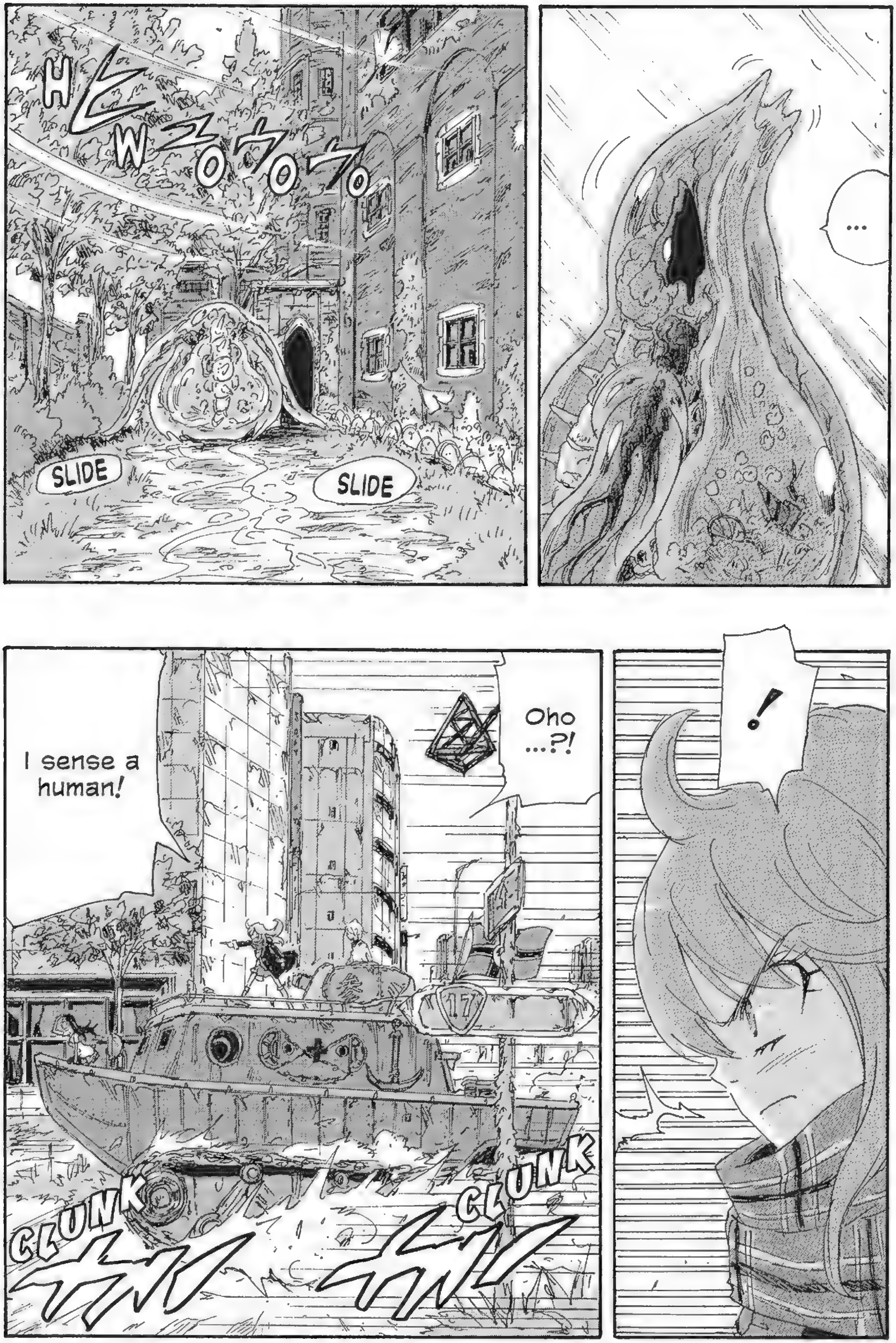

Thymine, adenine, guanine, cytosine ...!
TAK
TAK
My, my... reminds me of my school days.
I'll be up all night with this.
CHEW
CHEW
Thymine, adenine, guanine, cytosine ...!
SWISH
GLUB
GLUB
SLAM

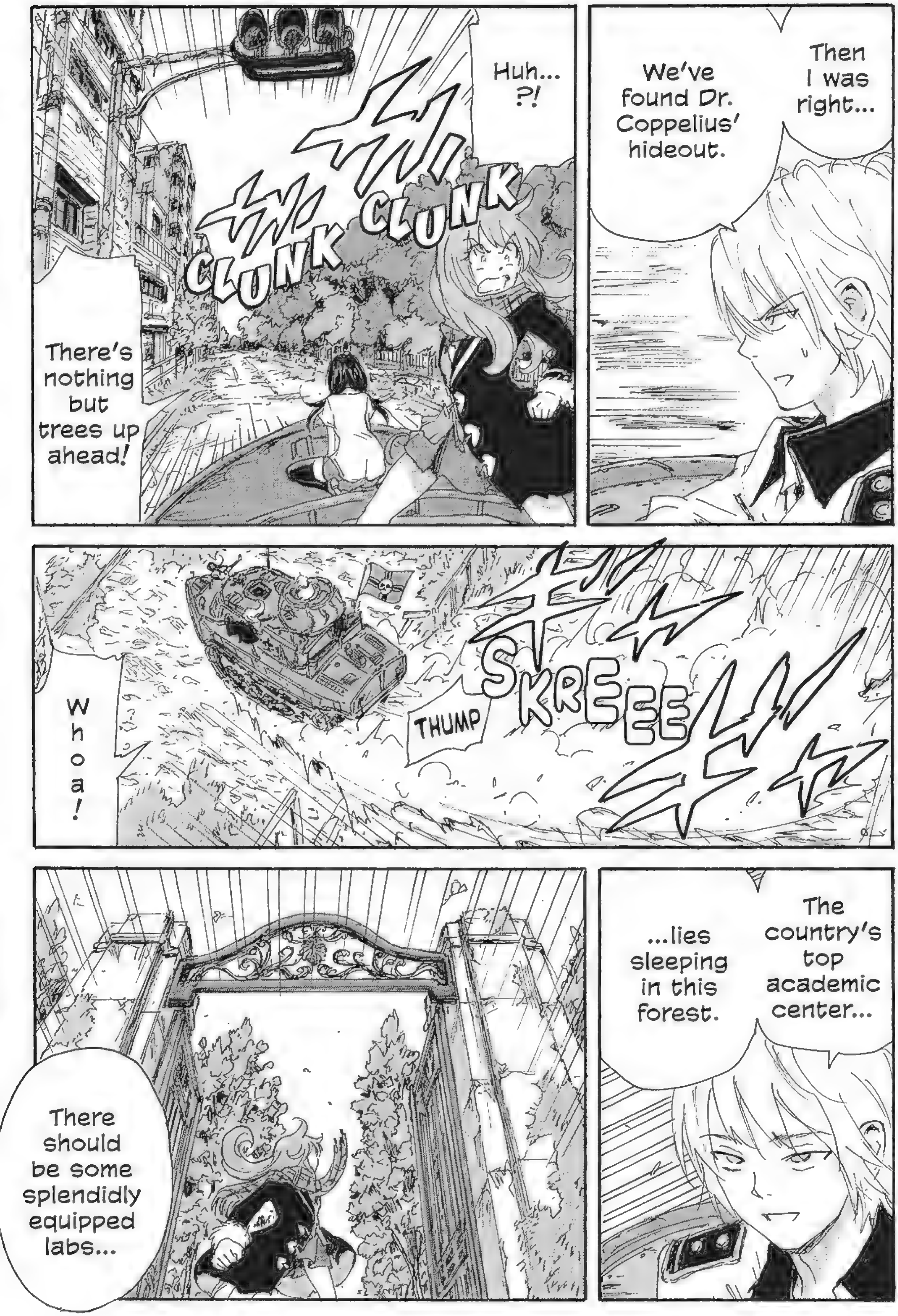

Sigh...
Jerk.
Leaving me stuck alone...
ROLL
Mana... come back...

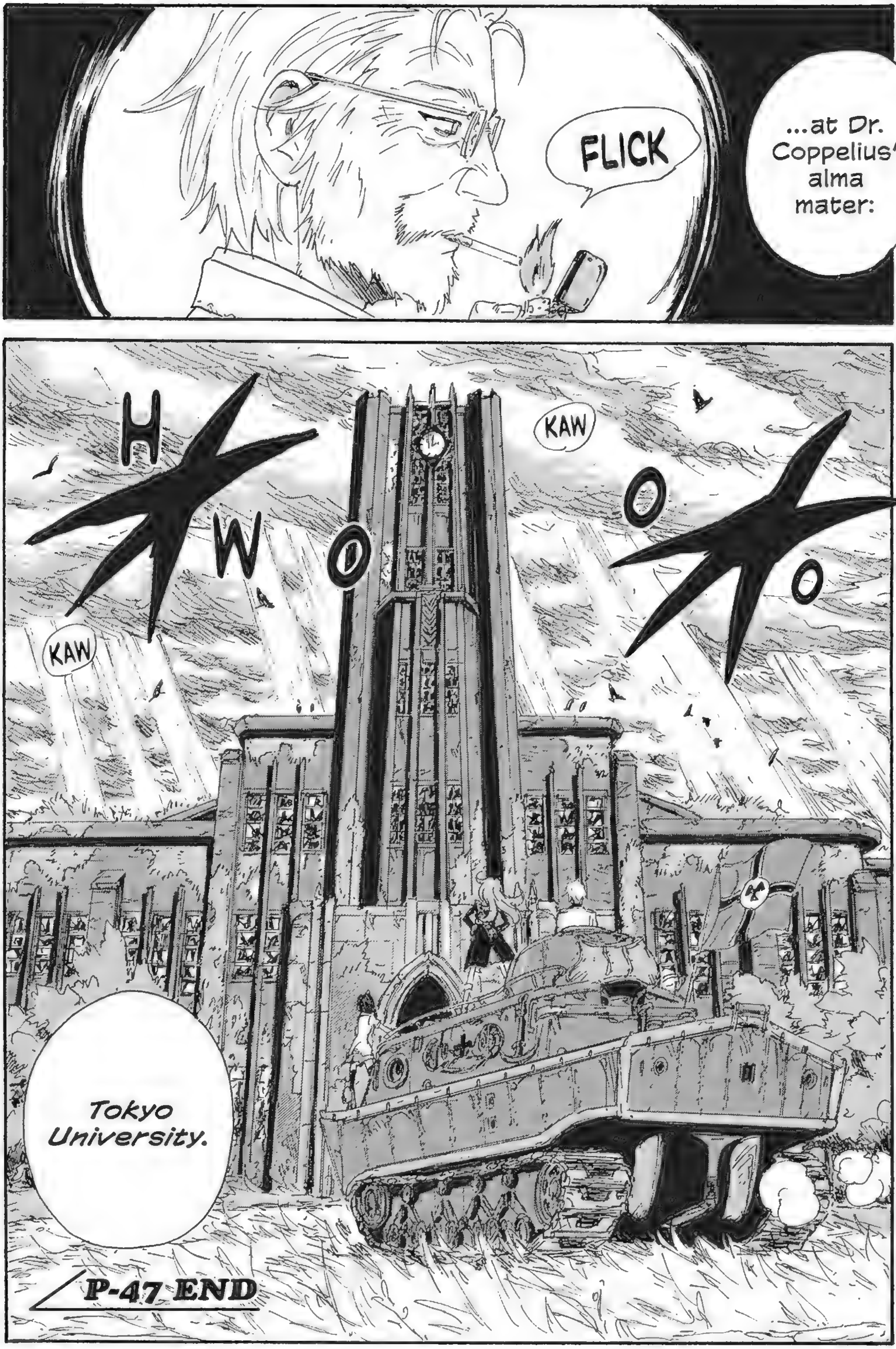

SWISH
KREE
FWIP


It's pretty.
Heheh ...
BOW
PLOP


!
The flower ...
... died...
My DNA's sullied, anyway!
Go away, you flea freak!
FLING
ミョオオオ
MYOOOO
FWAP
ピシャッ
SNAP


...
HWOOOOO
SLIDE
SLIDE
!
Oho ...?!
I sense a human!
CLUNK
CLUNK


Then I was right...
We've found Dr. Coppelius' hideout.
Huh...?!
CLUNK CLUNK
There's nothing but trees up ahead!
SKREEEE
THUMP
Whoa!
The country's top academic center...
...lies sleeping in this forest.
There should be some splendidly equipped labs...


...at Dr. Coppelius' alma mater:
FLICK
KAW
HWOOO
KAW
Tokyo University.
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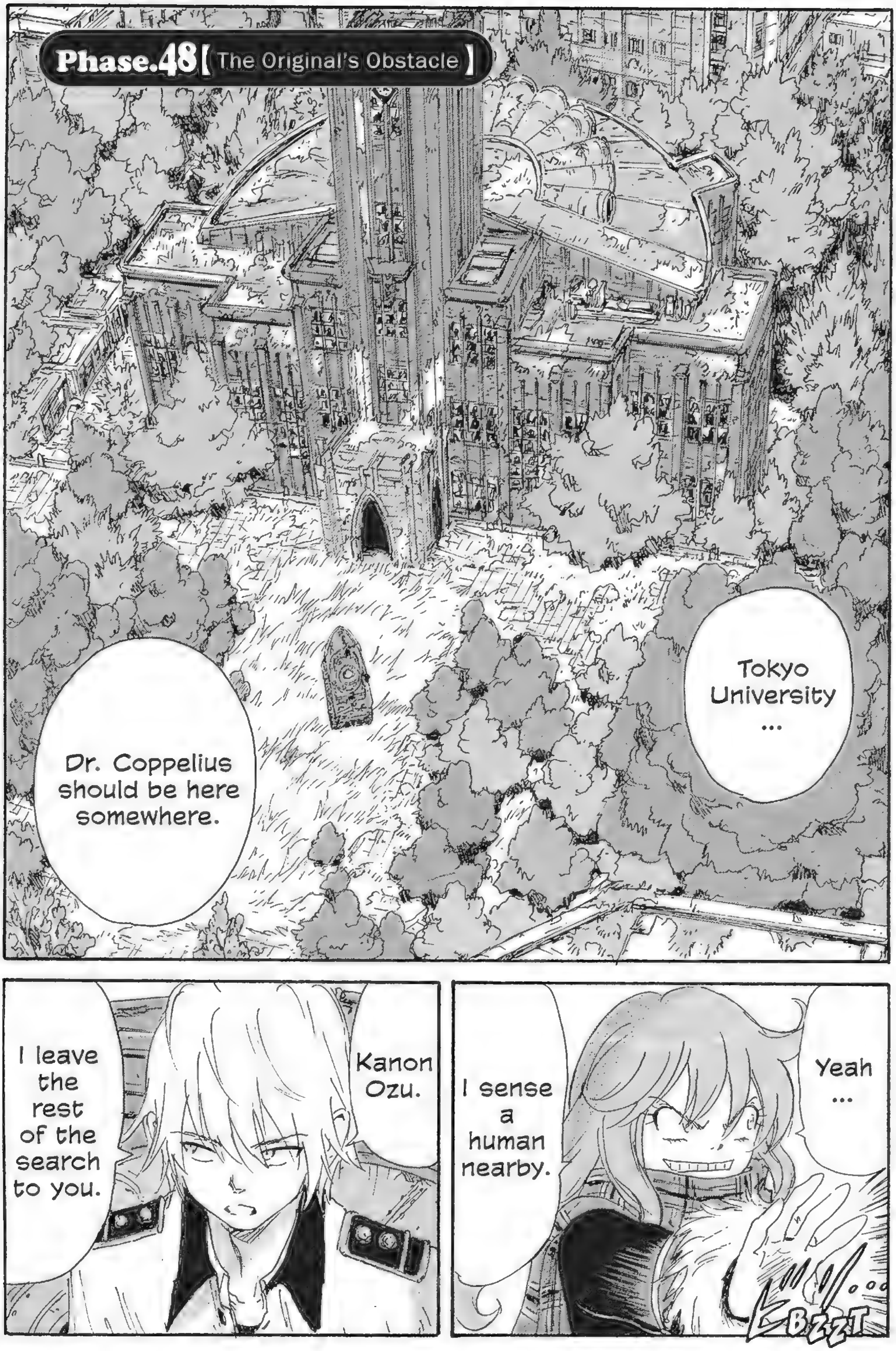
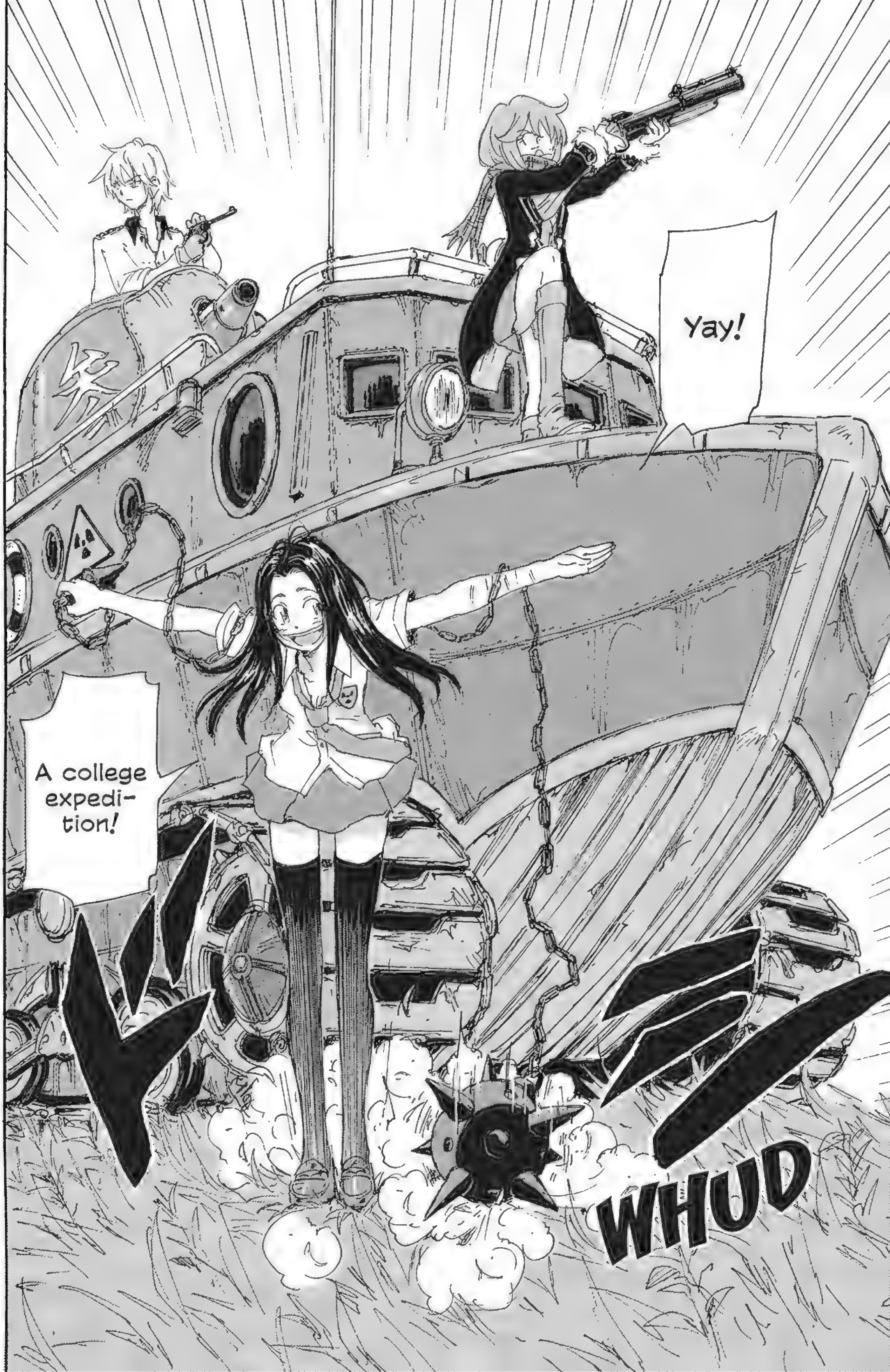
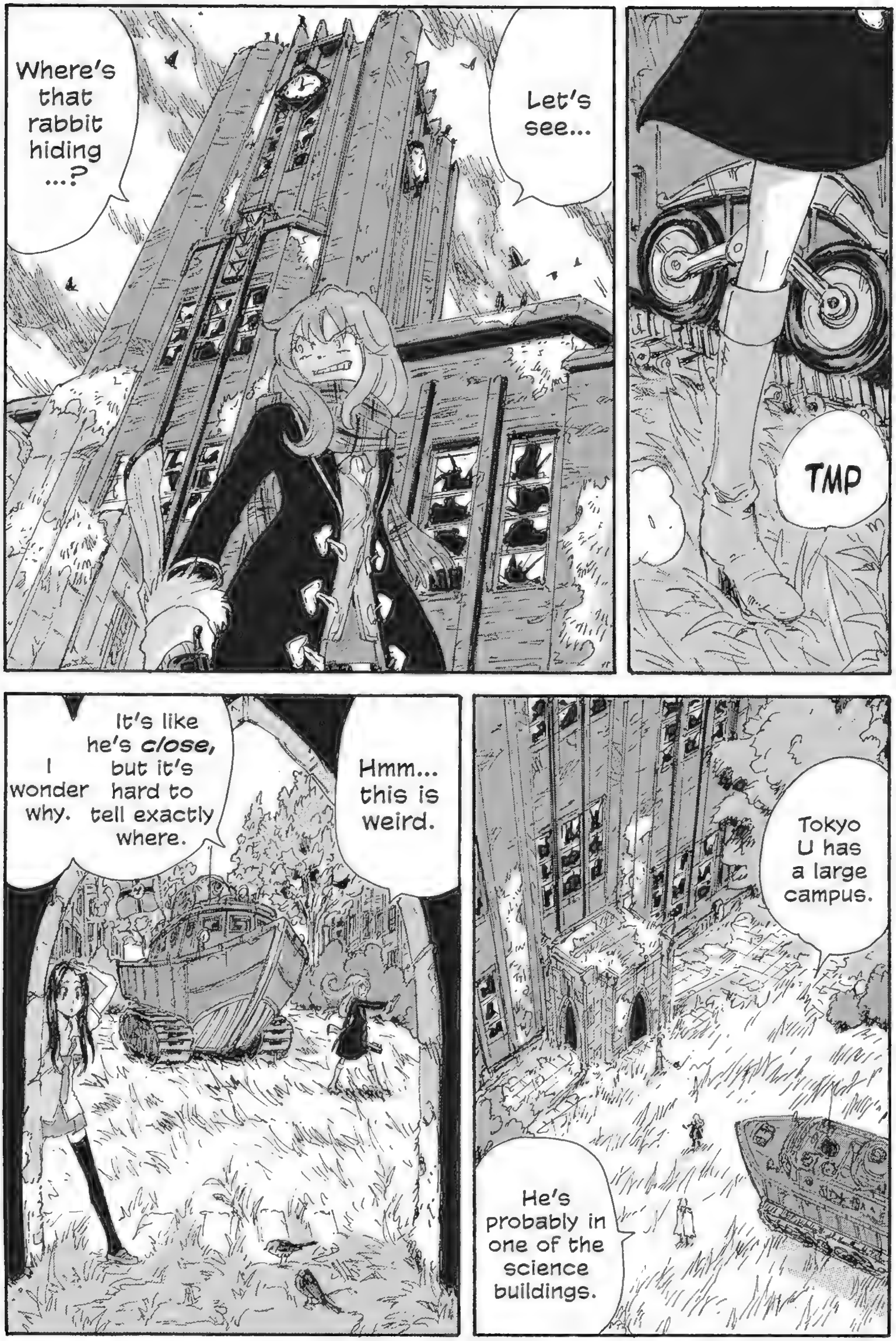
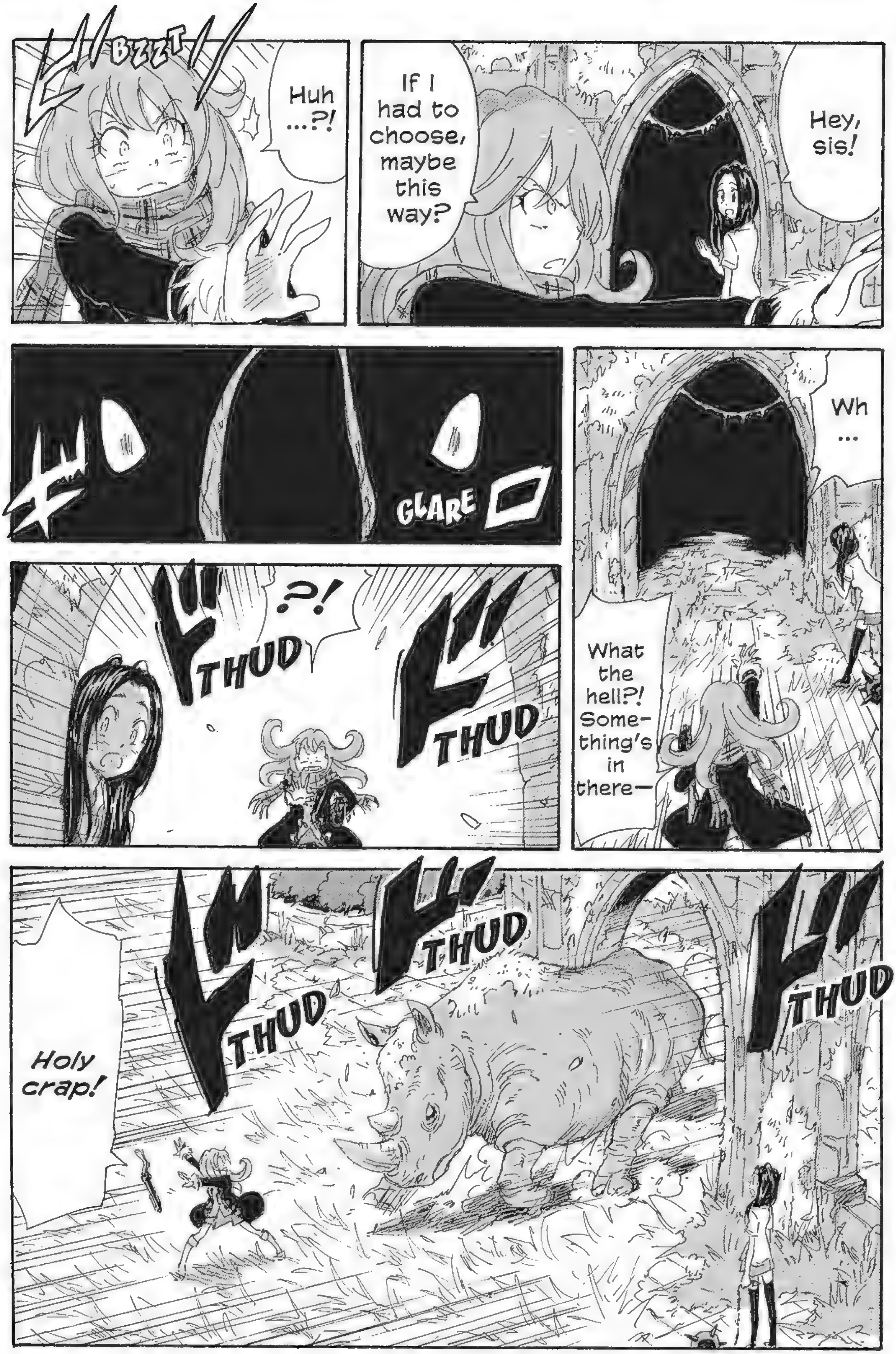
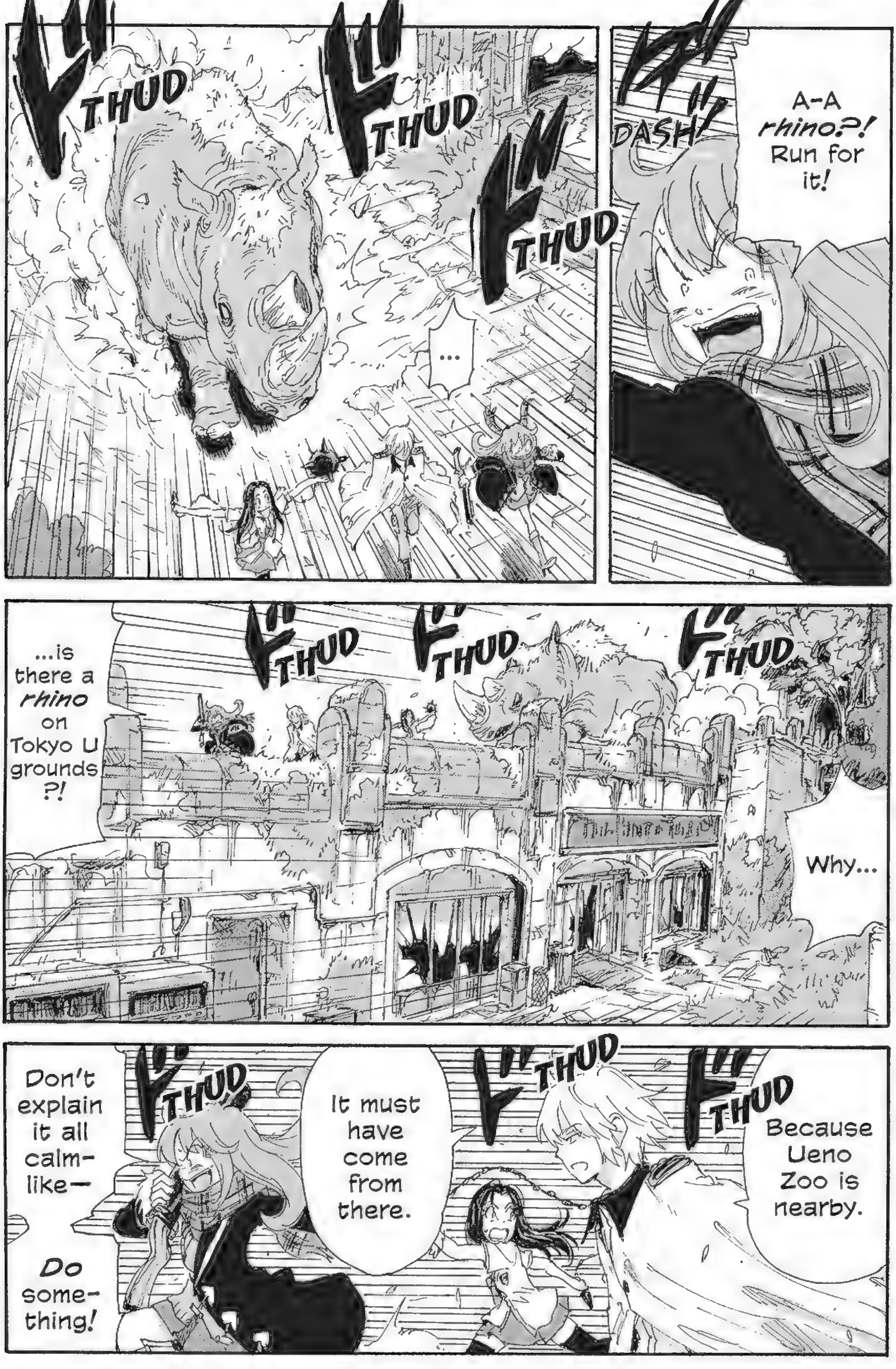
Phase.48 [The Original's Obstacle]

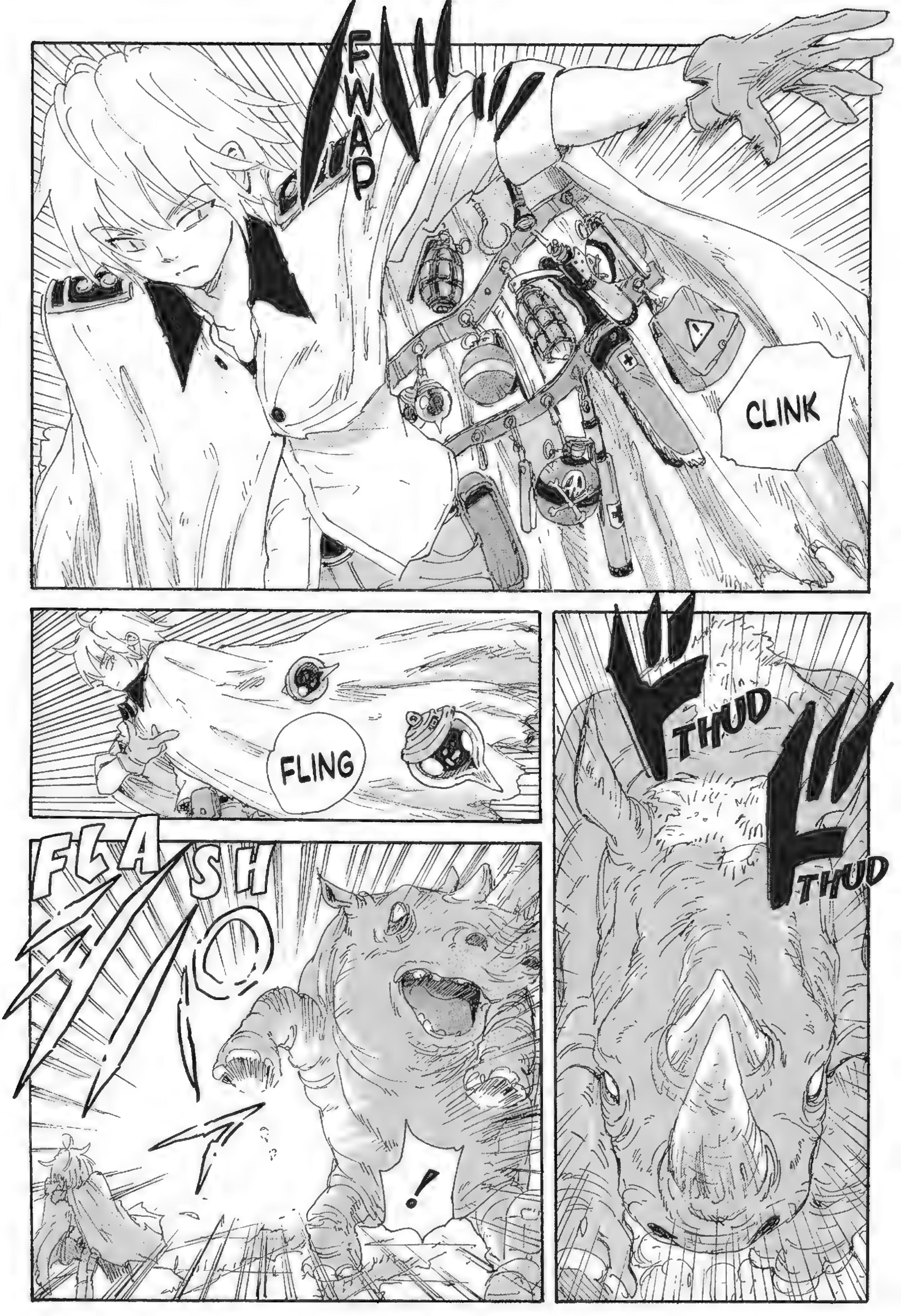

Tokyo University ...
Dr. Coppelius should be here somewhere.
Yeah ...
I sense a human nearby.
BZZT
Kanon Ozu.
I leave the rest of the search to you.

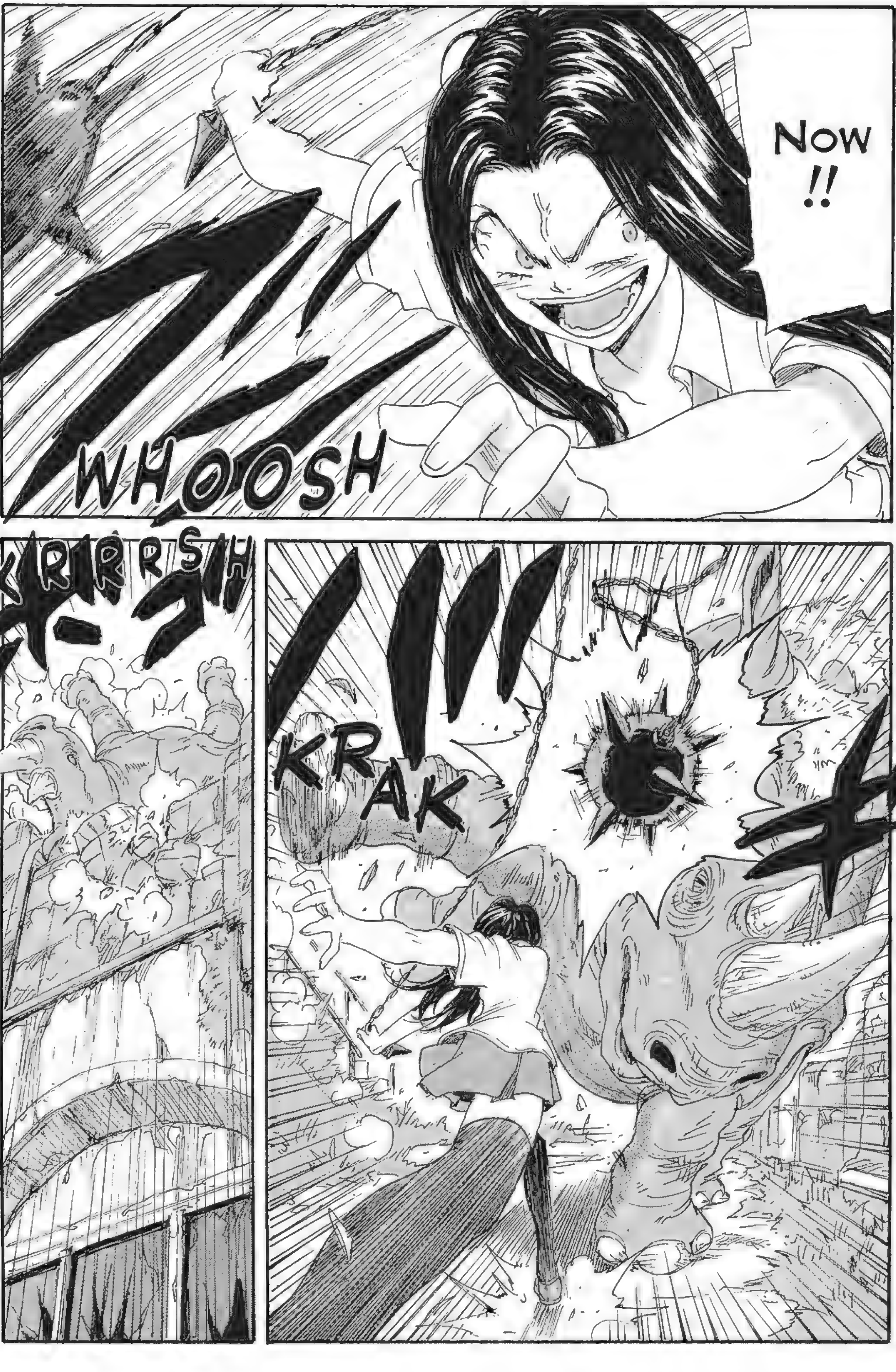

Yay!
A college expedition!
WHUD

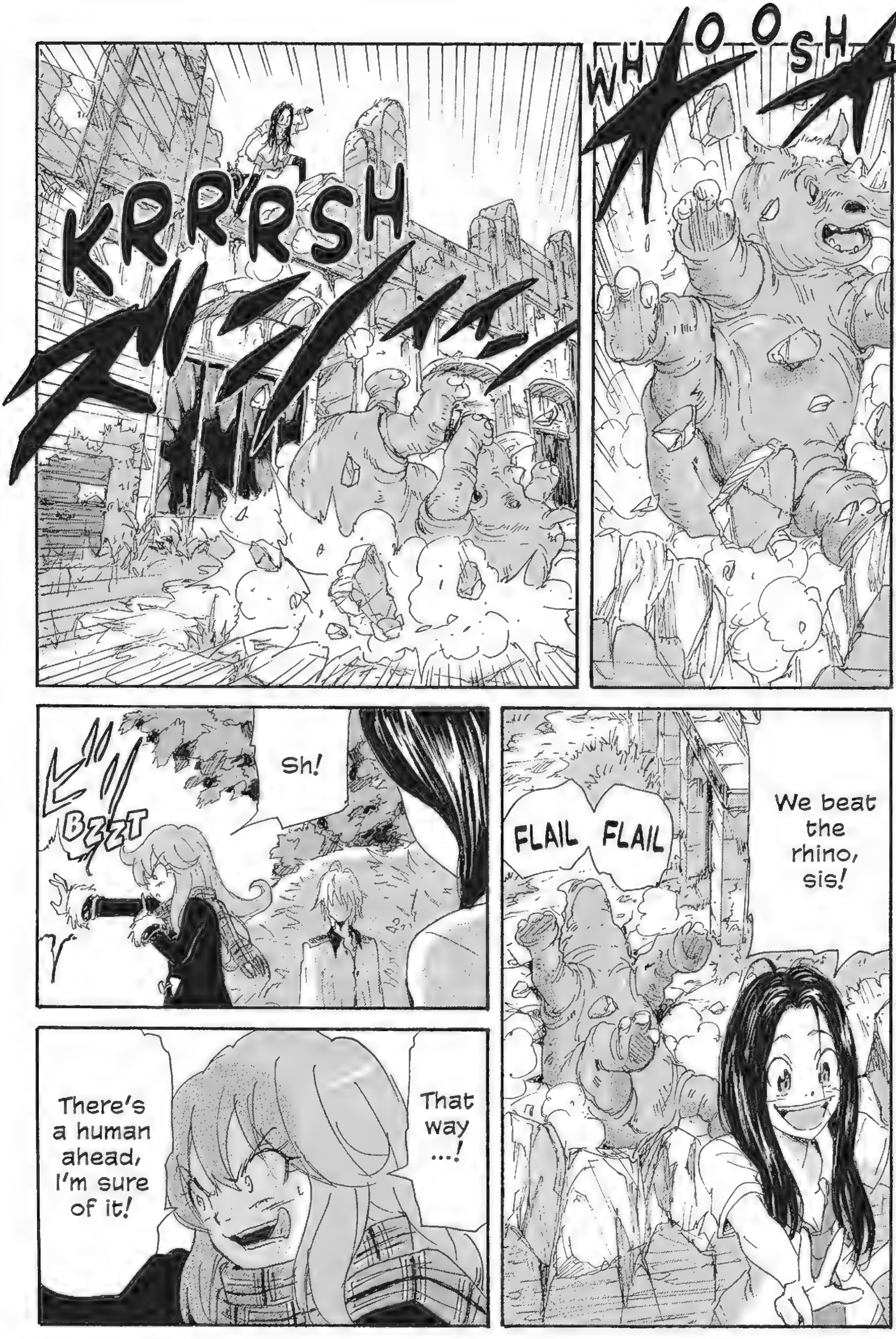

Where's that rabbit hiding ...?
Let's see...
TMP
Hmm... this is weird.
It's like he's *close,* but it's hard to tell exactly where.
I wonder why.
Tokyo U has a large campus.
He's probably in one of the science buildings.

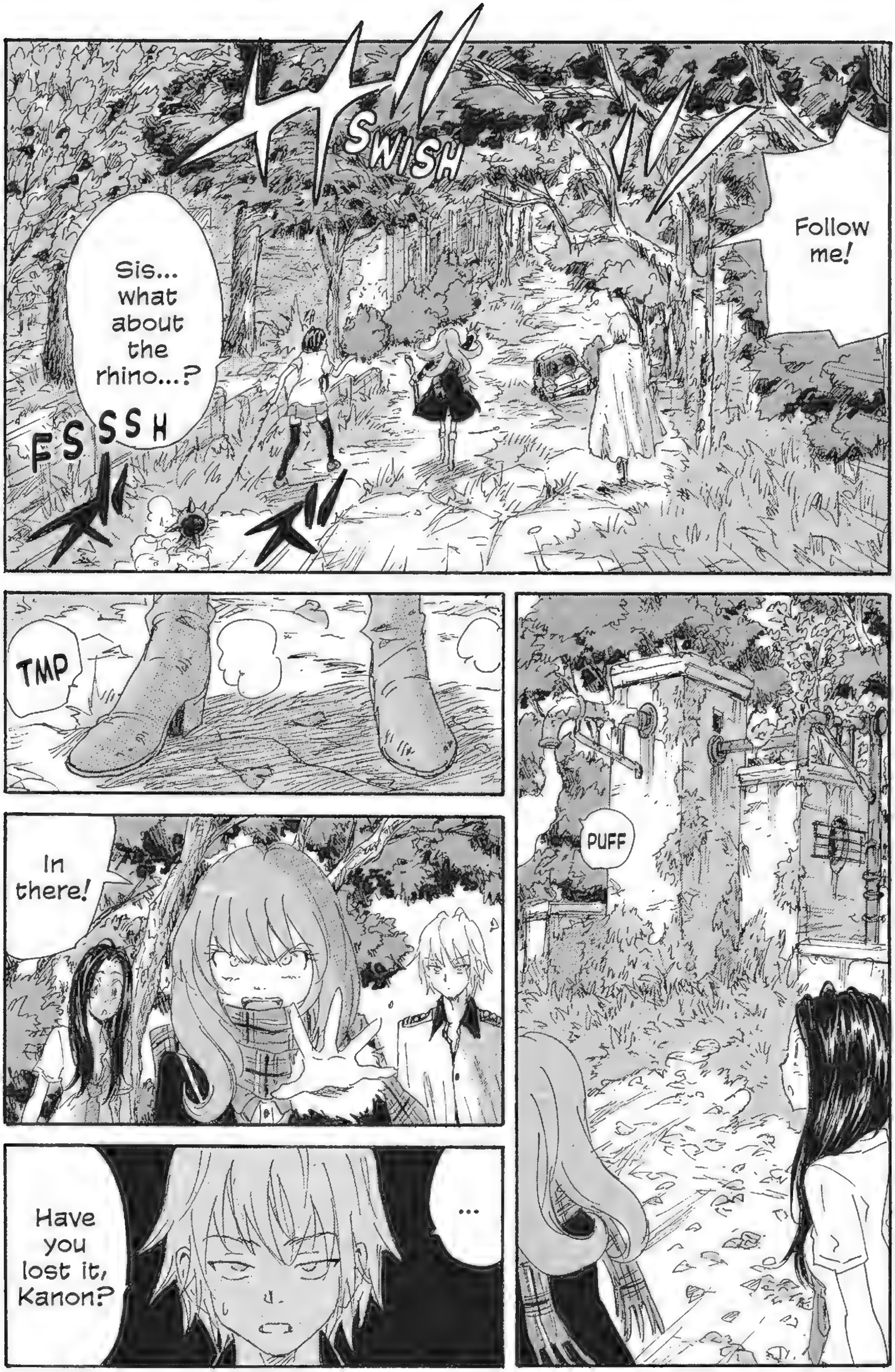

Hey, sis!
If I had to choose, maybe this way?
Huh ...?!
BZZT
Wh ...
What the hell?! Something's in there—
GLARE
?!
THUD
THUD
THUD
THUD
THUD
Holy crap!

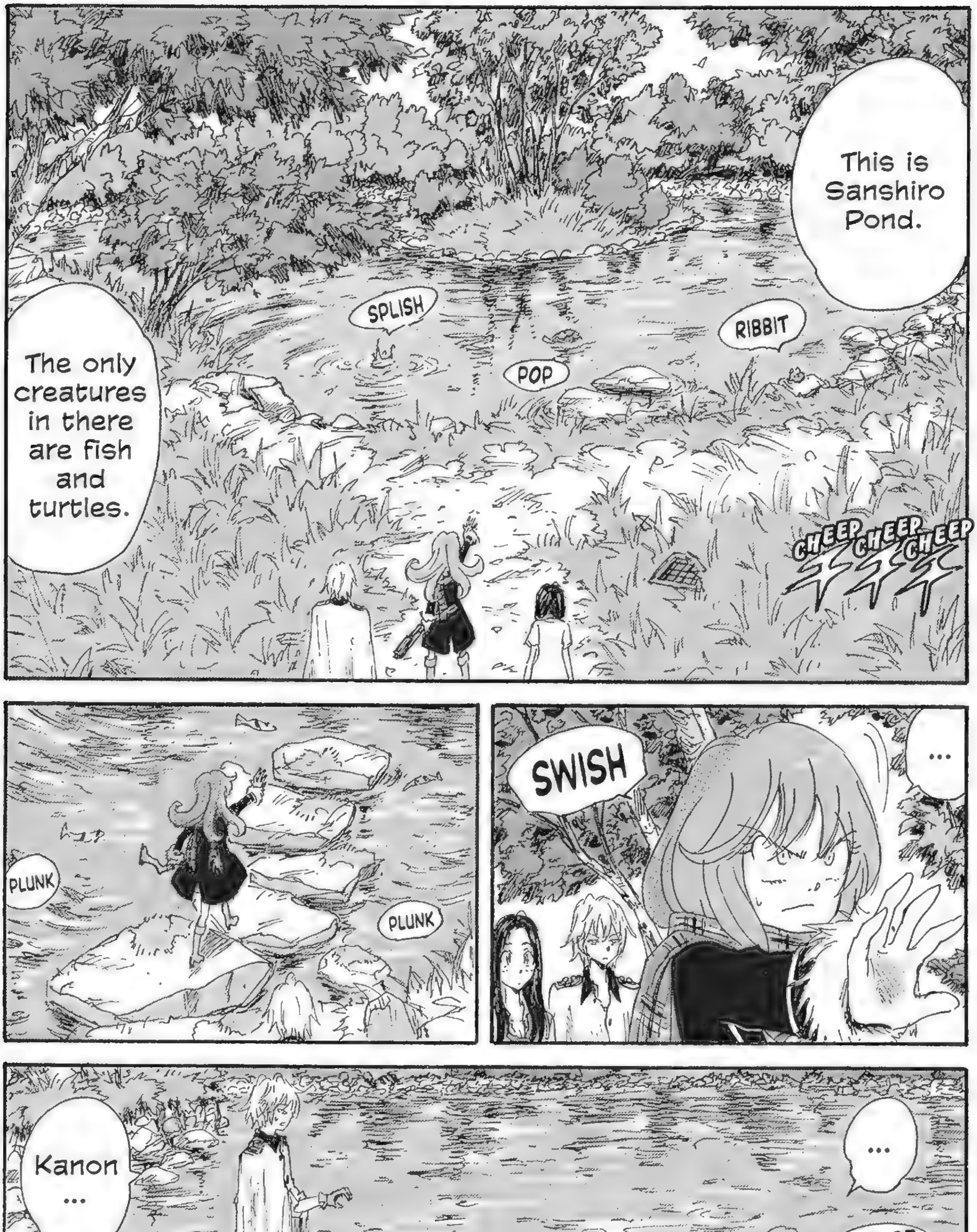

DASH!
A-A *rhino?!* Run for it!
THUD
THUD
THUD
...
THUD
THUD
THUD
Why...
...is there a *rhino* on Tokyo U grounds?!
THUD
THUD
Because Ueno Zoo is nearby.
It must have come from there.
THUD
Don't explain it all calm-like—
Do something!

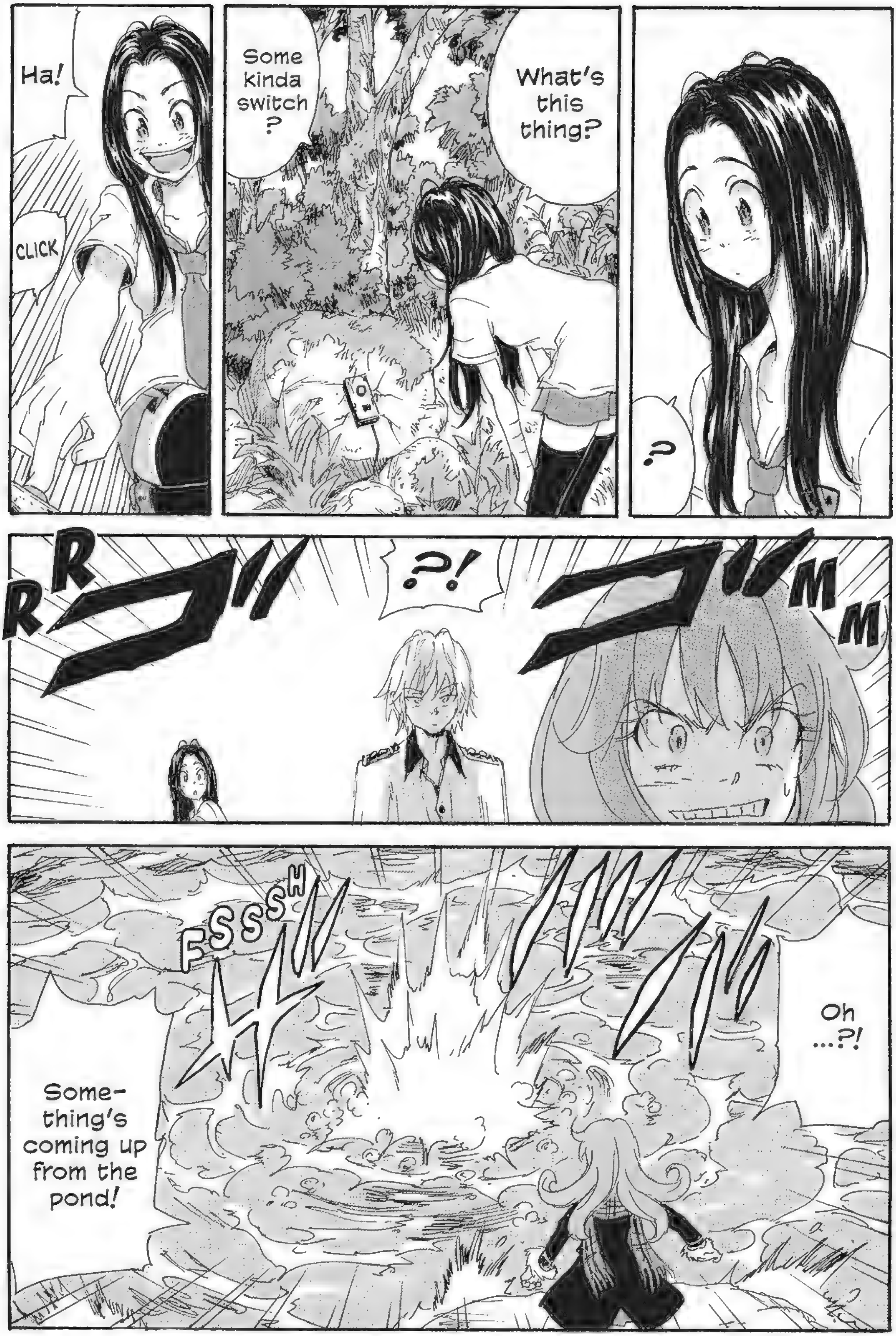

FWAP
CLINK
FLING
FLASH
?
!
THUD
THUD

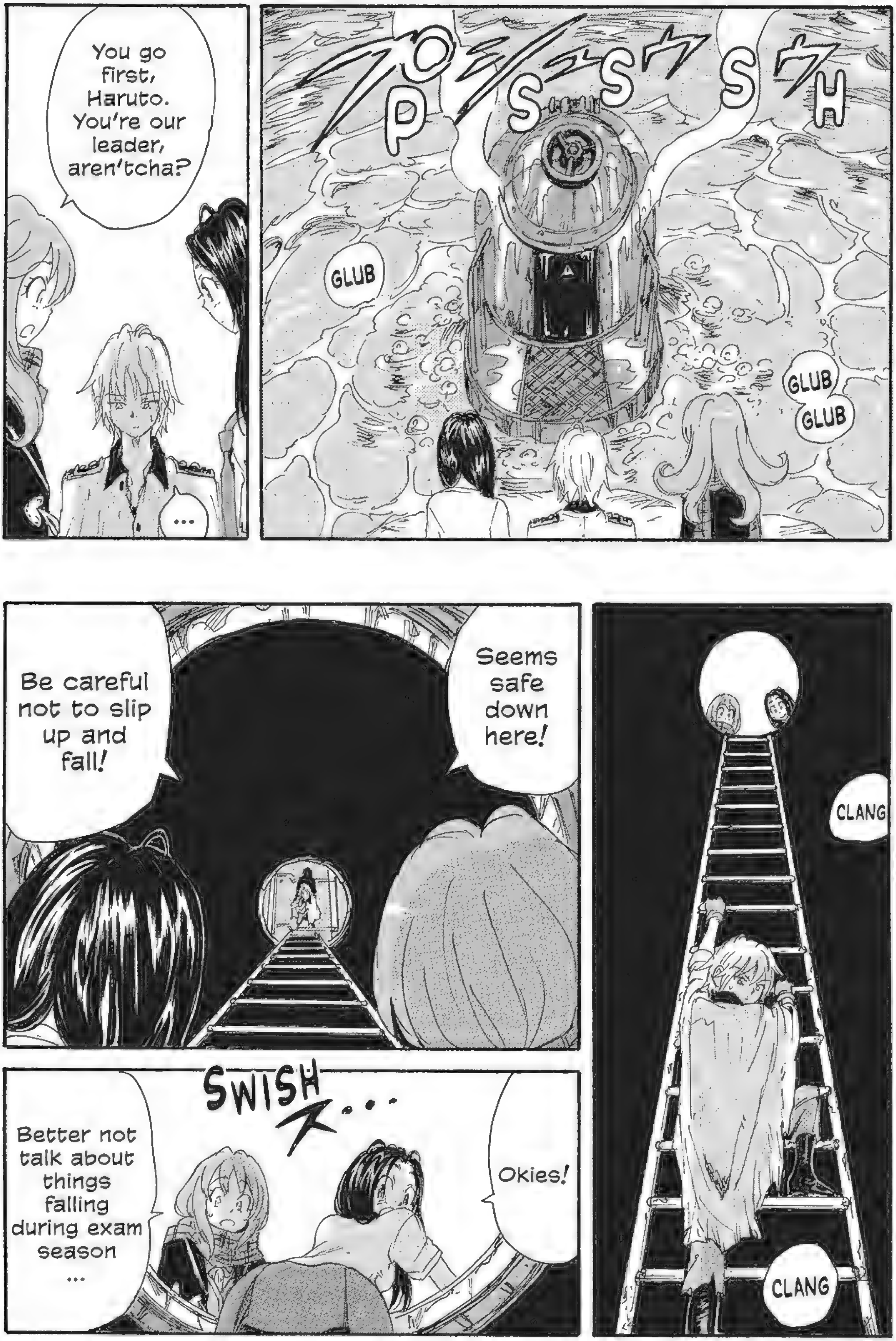

Now!!
WHOOSH
KRAK
KRRRSH

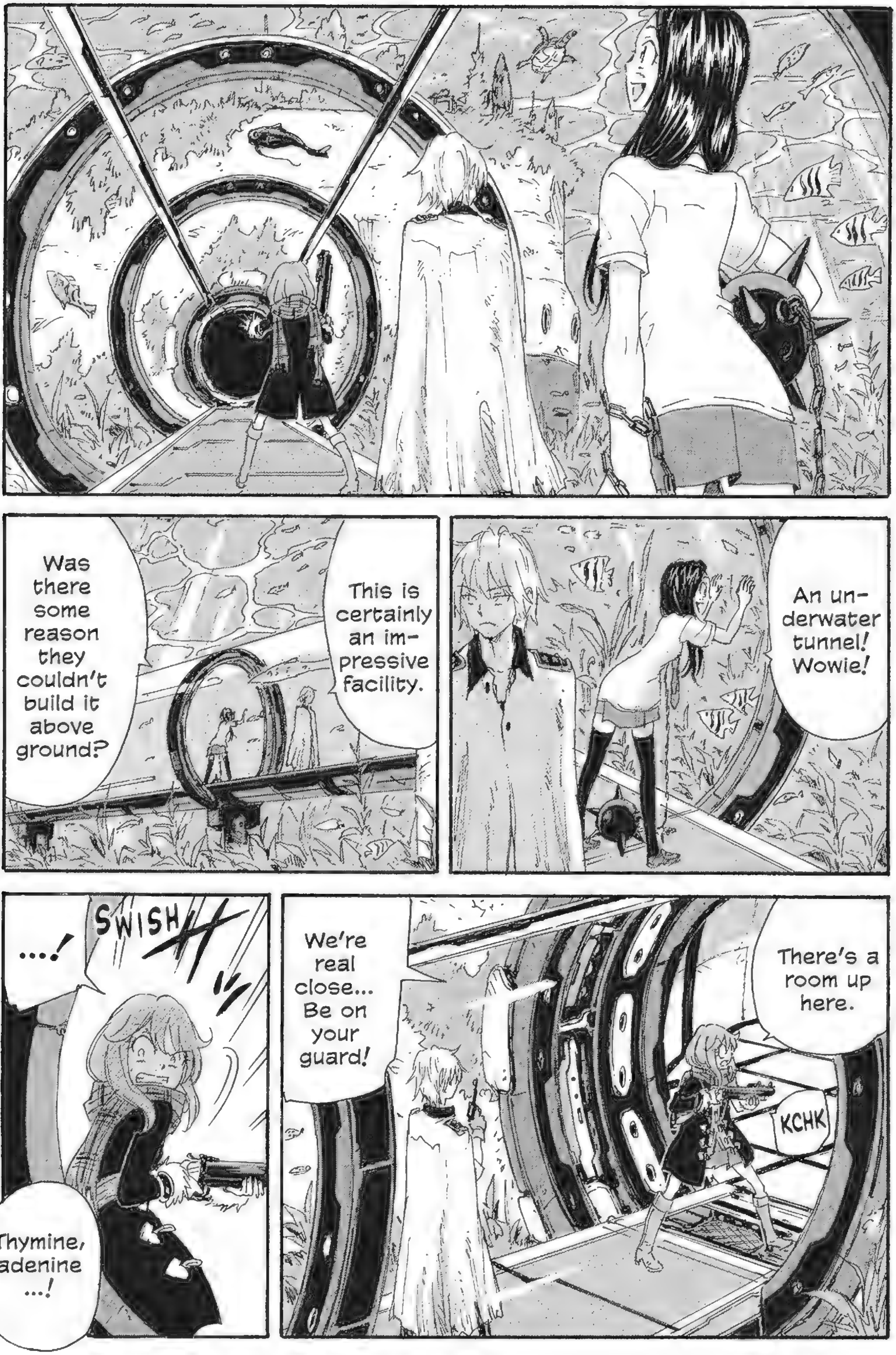

WHOOSH
KRRRSH
FLAIL FLAIL
We beat the rhino, sis!
BZZT
Sh!
That way ...!
There's a human ahead, I'm sure of it!

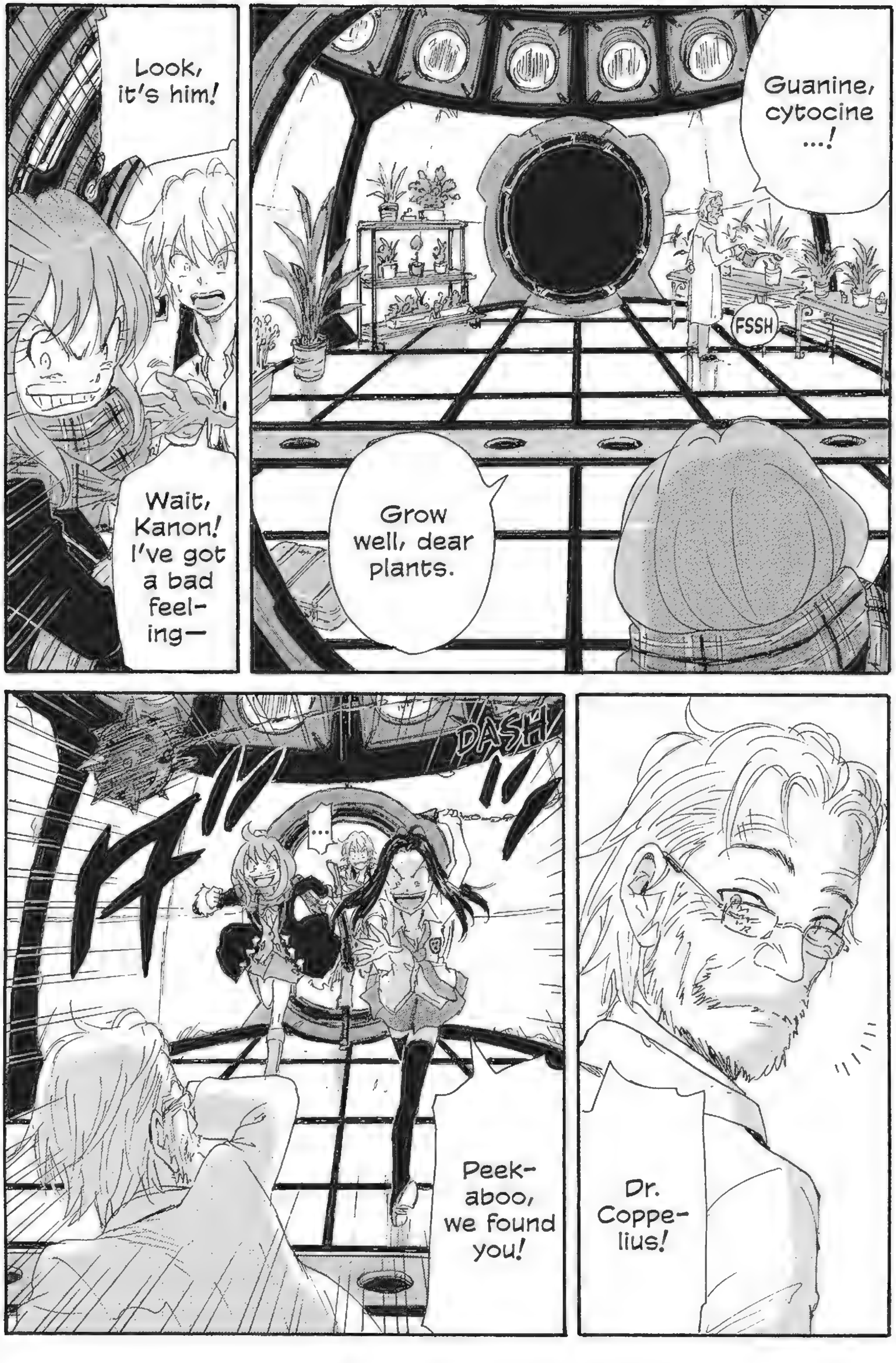

Follow me!
SWISH
Sis... what about the rhino...?
FSSSH
PUFF
TMP
In there!
...
Have you lost it, Kanon?

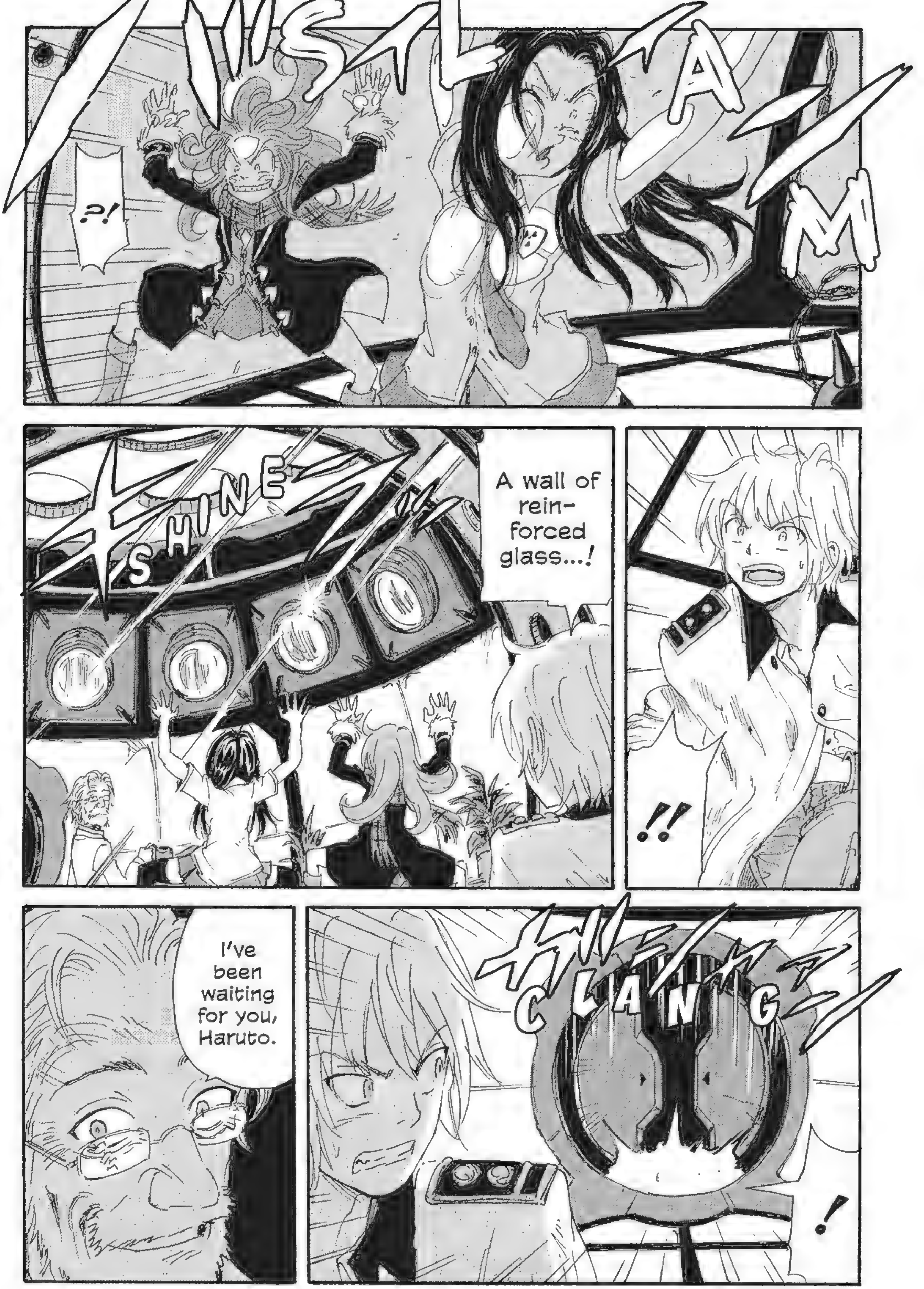

This is Sanshiro Pond.
The only creatures in there are fish and turtles.
RIBBIT
SPLISH
POP
CHEEP CHEEP CHEEP
チチチ
...
SWISH
PLUNK
PLUNK
...
STARE
Kanon ...

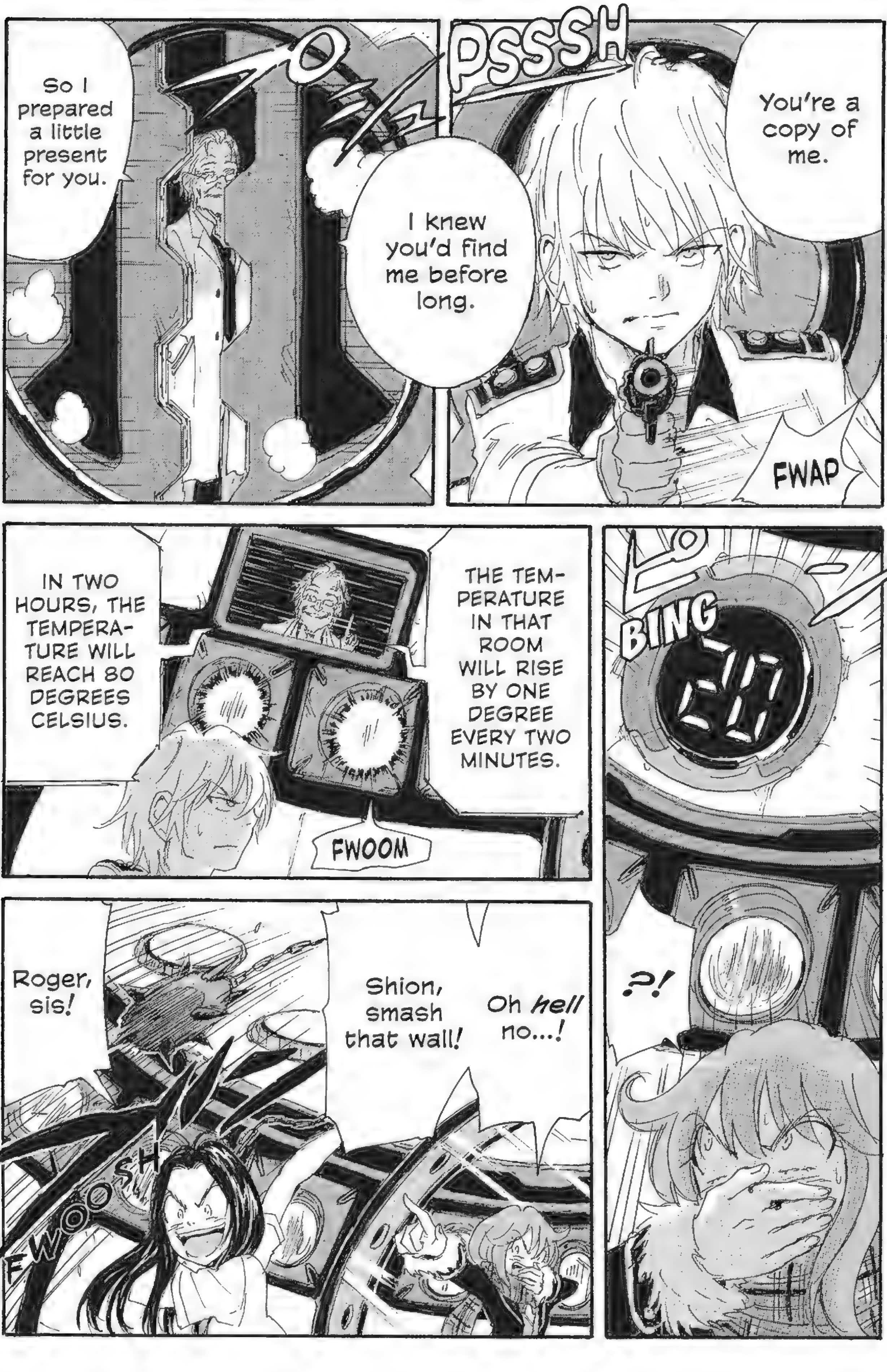

?
What's this thing?
Some kinda switch?
Ha!
CLICK
RRR
?!
MMM
Oh ...?!
FSSSH
Some-thing's coming up from the pond!

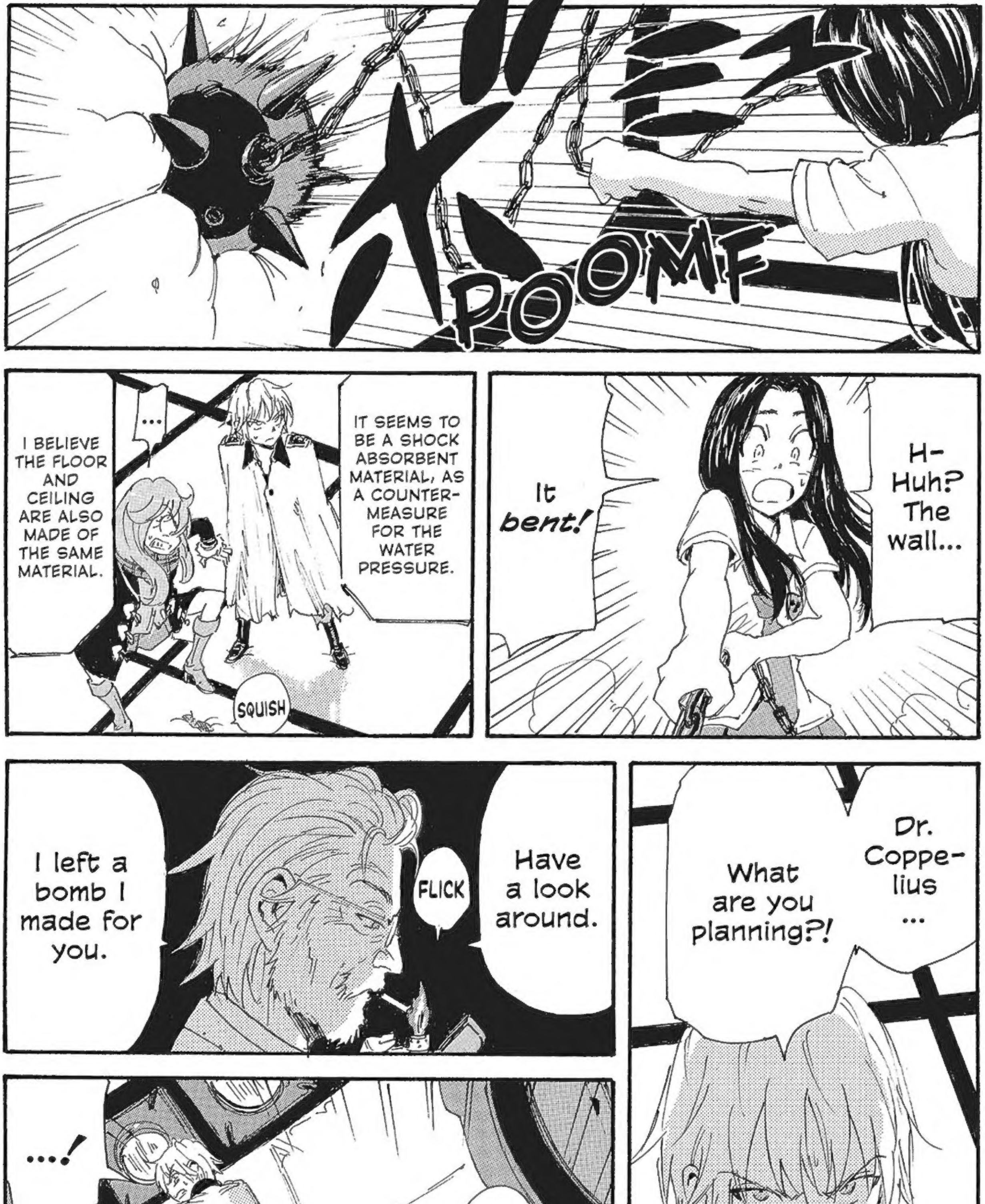

プシュウウ
PSSSSH
GLUB
GLUB
GLUB
You go first, Haruto. You're our leader, aren'tcha?
...
CLANG
CLANG
Seems safe down here!
Be careful not to slip up and fall!
Okies!
SWISH
ス...
Better not talk about things falling during exam season ...

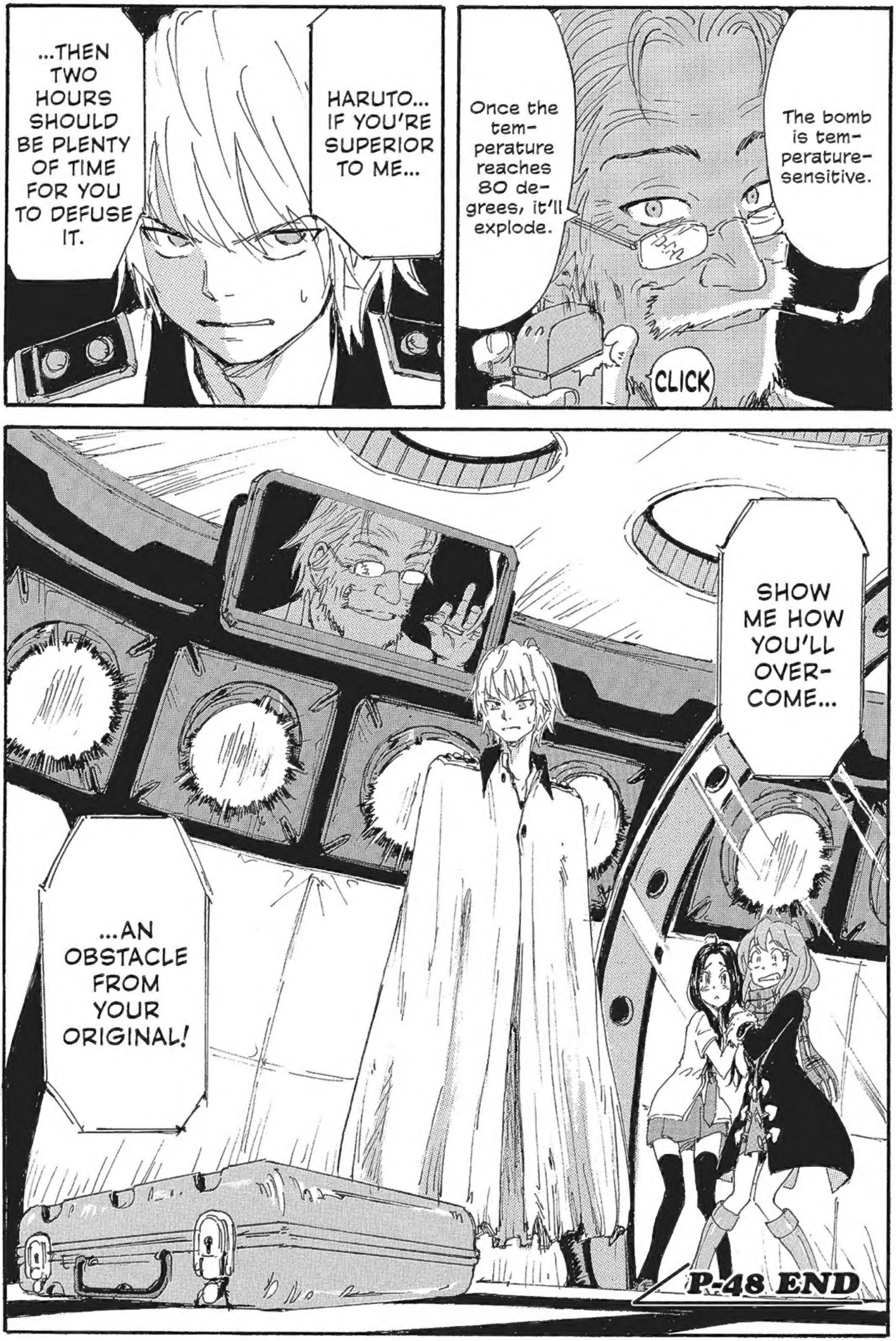

An underwater tunnel! Wowie!
This is certainly an impressive facility.
Was there some reason they couldn't build it above ground?
There's a room up here.
KCHK
We're real close... Be on your guard!
SWISH
...!
Thymine, adenine ...!


Guanine, cytocine ...!
FSSH
Grow well, dear plants.
Look, it's him!
Wait, Kanon! I've got a bad feeling—
Dr. Coppelius!
DASH
...
Peekaboo, we found you!


SLAM
?!
SHINE
A wall of reinforced glass...!
!!
I've been waiting for you, Haruto.
CLANG
!


PSSSH
You're a copy of me.
FWAP
I knew you'd find me before long.
So I prepared a little present for you.
BING
?!
THE TEMPERATURE IN THAT ROOM WILL RISE BY ONE DEGREE EVERY TWO MINUTES.
IN TWO HOURS, THE TEMPERATURE WILL REACH 80 DEGREES CELSIUS.
FWOOM
Oh *hell* no...!
Shion, smash that wall!
Roger, sis!
FWOOSH


POOMF
H-Huh? The wall...
It bent!
It seems to be a shock absorbent material, as a countermeasure for the water pressure.
...
I believe the floor and ceiling are also made of the same material.
SQUISH
Dr. Coppelius...
What are you planning?!
Have a look around.
FLICK
I left a bomb I made for you.
...!
BEEP
BEEP


The bomb is temperature-sensitive.
Once the temperature reaches 80 degrees, it'll explode.
CLICK
HARUTO... IF YOU'RE SUPERIOR TO ME...
...THEN TWO HOURS SHOULD BE PLENTY OF TIME FOR YOU TO DEFUSE IT.
SHOW ME HOW YOU'LL OVERCOME...
...AN OBSTACLE FROM YOUR ORIGINAL!
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